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## Magnolia Realtor to co-emcee Evening Anchored in Pearls

A minister, mother and business woman. Mayra loves to be around her husband, children and church family. As a minister, Mayra Vargas is part of the preaching staff at First Spanish Assembly of God, where her pastors Frank and Evangelina Alvarado have pastored for over 50 years. She knows that God has gifted her with the ability to speak and she is determined to spread the gospel of Christ Jesus through her speech and most importantly through her life. Additionally, Mayra is passionate about her family. She married Gustavo Vargas (Gus) in 2003 and they have three handsome boys, Adan Vargas, Isaac Vargas and Noah Vargas. Both, Mayra and Gus are determined to raise kingdom children, they teach their boys the importance of responsibility, kindness, love, humility and most important-



MAYRA VARGAS

ly the love and dependence of Christ Jesus.

Mayra is also a business owner in a thriving business, AmeTex Roofing, along with her husband, Gus, who has 20 plus years in the roofing and construction business.

They are an accredited business with the Better Business Bureau, nominated for Locals Love Us 2016/17, and honorably mentioned in the Waco Today magazine.

Mayra and Gus value the importance of customer satisfaction, honesty and good ethics. Mayra is also a thriving realtor with Magnolia Realty since August 2016. Having obtained her license in 2010, she is a hard worker and strives to listen carefully to all her clients needs, in order to meet their expectations and fully gain their trust to have her take care of a the seriousness of their purchase or sale of their home.

Last, Mayra enjoys being around her church family, and friends and is passionate about making a difference in their lives by loving them, lis-

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## Local author to co-emcee Evening Anchored in Pearls

Native Wacoan, Mary E. Evans is returning to co-emcee the Evening Anchored in Pearls for the third year, with co-emcee, Mayra Vargas. Lively, witty and entertaining, this author, poet, educator and motivational speaker is honored once again to recognize the strength behind local pastors in the McLennan County community at this gala event. J.L. and Linda Crawford, hosts of An Evening Anchored in Pearls, are pleased that Evans is returning as one of the emcees of the event.



MARY E. EVANS

Since her first public work, Thunder and Lightning debuted May 2014, Mary has been busy promoting the book through a variety of speaking engagements, school visits, and social media. In the past three years, Mary has had guest speaker/author visits in various elementary and middle schools in Killeen ISD and Waco ISD, Rapaport Academy, The Art Center of Waco, Neighbor Works Aspire Program, Art on Elm, City of Waco's Dewey and Bledsoe Recreation Centers, McGregor's McGinley Memorial Library, McLennan County Library, Hastings, Barnes & Nobles, The Little Farmhouse Library, Community Race Relations Coalition, Gatesville Exchange Club, Gatesville Morris Federation, U-Swirl, Waco Founder Lions Club, Waco Word Fest, Waco Chapter of Links, Waco Annual Community Collaborative Back to School Bash, Central Texas Jack & Jill, Sanctuary of Deliverance Empowerment Conference, Deliverance Temple Women's Retreat, Waco Newcom-

ers & Neighbors Book Club, National Black Book Festival, and Houston's Ronald McDonald Children's Festival.

A member of SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators), the publication of Mary's Amazon.com's 5-STAR Rated picture book, Thunder and Lightning is just the beginning. Broad distribution of Thunder and Lightning is very important, so Mary's main focus currently is getting her picture book in circulation in local, state and nationwide public and school libraries. Currently Thunder and Lightning can be checked out at all locations of the Waco McLennan County and McGinley Memorial Library. Schools or organizations who are interested in Mary coming to speak or give a reading can contact her at 714-366-8270 or at thunderand-lightning-picturebook@gmail.com. The official website is www.thunderandlightningpicturebook.com. If you have not already, please consider supporting

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## Local pastor to perform stand-up comedy at Pearls event

Dr. George R. Harrison, pastor of First Baptist Church NBC for three decades, will perform stand-up comedy at The Anchor News annual event, An Evening Anchored in Pearls. Married to power house Marva Harrison, Harrison and his wife are known in Waco as a power team.

Harrison has served as the moderator of the Willow Grove Baptist District Association for fifteen years. He is Vice President of Texas Baptist Missionary Convention of Texas and the First Vice President of Texas Gospel Announcers Guild.



DR. GEORGE R. HARRISON

Harrison touts a number of great accomplishments:

- Received a Full Scholarship to North Texas State University and the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. He chose to attend UMHB. While there he:
- Received Outstanding Achievement Award from the University and the Governor of the State of Texas Brisco.
- Was the first Black to represent the University in speaking engagements and the premier group called the New Edition currently called One

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## J.L. AND LINDA CRAWFORD

A co-owner of *The Anchor News*, J.L. Crawford is the director of operations for the paper. He is also an instructor at McLennan Community College, a Bible teacher, and a LegalShield Senior Manager. Linda Crawford is co-owner and editor of *The Anchor News*. She is an instructor at McLennan Community College, a Bible teacher and a conference, workshop and motivational speaker.

## From the Crawfords...

As we approach The Anchor News' 15th Anniversary in the community, we are so excited. This weekend, we will begin our celebrations by honoring 18 first ladies in Waco and surrounding cities. We call them the Pearls of the community." If you are reading this at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, it means you are experiencing the ambience of this grand occasion, along with us and these sweet ladies. What an evening! Thank you Waco, Woodway, Temple, Killeen, Harker Heights, Lott, Eddy, McGregor, Riesel, and so many others for your support. You are awesome!

# "An Evening Anchored In Pearls" Honorees

## First Lady Annie King Born Again Apostolic Assembly

First Lady Annie King was born December 4 to the late John and Maggie Hawkins, the 8th of 9 children. She was born and raised in Natchez, Mississippi. After graduating high school she attended Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business education.

She was saved at 15 years old at Bible Way Pentecostal Church in Natchez. She later worked as church secretary, Sunday school teacher, assisted in the youth department, and was lead singer in the weekly radio broadcast, and in the outreach ministry.

She was joined in holy matrimony to Floyd King of Waco, Texas on August 18, 1979. They have one daughter, Demetria Le'Jann. She and her husband reside in Robinson, Texas.

They attended Temple of Holiness Apostolic Church, Waco, Texas under the leadership of District Elder Jerry Jones. Lady King served as Sunday school teacher, choir member and as part of the outreach ministry.

Her husband founded Born Again Apostolic Assembly in Eddy, TX in July 1990. She has worked as secretary, treasurer, Sunday school teacher, administrator, choir member, and president of the missionary department. She started a program called "Woman to Woman", a ministry designed to teach ladies how to be holy



ANNIE KING

women of God; to care for their families, their health; to function as married, divorced or single women, ministers' wives, and many other topics as she is led by the Lord. She has spoken at many churches and functions throughout the state of Texas. For many years she served as the Heart of Texas Fellowship secretary under the leadership of the late District Elder J. D. Moore. She currently serves as secretary of the Central District of the Texas State Council, P.A.W., Inc.

Lady King has worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs for 30 years. Her current position is legal assistant. Her hobbies include (in addition to serving the Lord) shopping, baking, watching Judge Judy, LMN, crime documentaries, and of course, being the first and only lady to her King.

## First Lady Mary Joyce Bethel Bethel Breath of Life Ministries

A native of Aberdeen, Mississippi, Mary Joyce Bethel has been an evangelist and worker in the ministry since 1985. She accepted Christ as her personal savior in 1976 at the Amazing Church of God in Christ in Jackson, Mississippi. Since 1976, she has held several positions in the local church. She served as President of the Young Women Christian Council at the Church of God in Christ District level and President of the Missionaries Unit at both the district and State level. A gifted and talented teacher, she has volunteered countless hours teaching bible college courses.

Bethel has a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. She earned a second bachelor's degree in marketing and public relations from Ashford University and a second master's in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College. She also holds a doctorate in theology from Austin Christian University in Austin, Texas. Additionally, she is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

She is the author of five books and one DVD. She was listed among the Outstanding Young Women of America in 1986.

Bethel achieved the rank of colonel and successful



MARY JOYCE BETHEL

ly served 30 years in the U.S. Army as an Adjutant General Corps Officer. Presently, she serves as a Department of the Army Civilian at Fort Hood, Texas as the Supervisory Adjutant for the U.S. Army Sustainment Command, 407th Army Field Support Brigade. In that position, she leads and directs all human resources management activities for the Brigade's civilian and military personnel.

An entrepreneur, she is the proud owner of Mary Joyce's Fashions and a salon in Killeen, Texas. She and her husband, Servant Michael Bethel, are founders of Bethel Breath of Life Ministries in Killeen, which has an outreach ministry as well as a College of Divinity and Seminary and College of Cosmetology.

The Bethels have eight grown children.

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# "An Evening Anchored In Pearls" Honorees

## First Lady Tihara L. Thomas *Cathedral of Deliverance and Praise COGIC*

Tihara L. Thomas, affectionately known as "Lady Tihara" is a woman of distinction and dedication. She exudes a passion to usher women into developing true agape relationships. She is a woman of integrity and courage, while understanding covenant relationship and what it means to stand in agreement with your soul mate to watch God change things. She is a true individual from the inside out. She is one that cherishes relationships and doesn't mind extending herself to assist others. She is the true model of a mother, a nurturer, and ultimately, an extension of God's love. She continues to move herself beyond the bounds of comfort to assist and nurse others back to health and wholeness. She is the true epitome of "whatever your hands find to do."

Lady Tihara serves as the Elect Lady of Texas Southeast Second Jurisdiction and the Cathedral of Deliverance and Praise COGIC in Harker Heights, Texas where she works in concert with her husband, the Honorable Bishop LaDell Thomas, Jr. in ministry. Lady Tihara models how women should entreat their husband and one of



**TIHARA L. THOMAS**

her passions is to share with her wisdom with women to help bring them to their potential. She enjoys spending quality time with her family while cooking a great meal. Lady Tihara grew up in Memphis, TN, being raised by her strong nurturing loving father and mother, Elvin and Ray Brazzell, her grandparents and her loving Aunt Fhae Lee, her mother's twin. While they were tough on her, they invested in her the value of making quality life-long decisions. This led her to make a sound clear decision at a young age to live for Christ at a young age.

She grew up under the leadership of the late Bishop W.L. Porter and Lady Ida Mae Porter at the Greater Community Temple COGIC. She has been married for over 37 years to the love of her life, Bishop LaDell Thomas, Jr. and together they have four adult children and two precious granddaughters. Lady Tihara is a success image consultant, interior decorator and a business owner is the owner (Exclusively Yours Fashion). She is certified in office management and holds a doctorate of ministry.

Lady Tihara has travel extensively speaking at women's conferences all over the United States. She has a unique ability to connect with women of all ages. She loves the Lord and enjoys seeing women reflect the Christ that we serve. She models the scriptures reflected in II Corinthians 3:17-18.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

## First Lady Apryl Coffie *Open Fire Int'l Fellowship*

Born and raised in Clarendon Jamaica, Pastor Apryl Coffie accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at the tender age of twelve. For the next few years as she walked closely with The Lord, enjoying many supernatural encounters and the infusion of a deep passion for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ which she has made a priority in her daily life. Time went by but youthful lust and the cares of life slowly pulled her away from her commitment to God.

Being in a miserable back-slidden state of shame, guilt, condemnation, perversion, addiction, depression and abuse, she could only long for the presence and the peace of The Lord to overtake her life again. One day the Lord sent one of His servants, Rev. Howard Renolds, to minister God's love, mercy and forgiveness to her. Coffie, on that very day, repented and in true brokenness, she recommitted her life to Christ and have never looked back since.

Immediately after her recommitment to Christ, she experienced a period she often refers to or describes as her "stripping period." This was when all of her worldly accomplishments, money and fame, were taken from her. Coffie was well-known because of the television and radio programs she previously hosted in Jamaica that aired throughout the Caribbean and some states in America. She lost friends and the very home she lived in. During this stripping period, Coffie was reduced to sleeping from house to house on people's floors but vowed to never look back or even miss church for the entire time that period lasted even if it meant walking miles to get to the house of God, which she did quite often.

As her determination and commitment grew faithfully in Christ, the Lord started to shower her life with His favor; she was granted a scholarship from her pastor, Apostle Andrew J. Scott, to complete



**APRYL COFFIE**

her studies in Applied Theology. Her God given resilience and determination took her to the top and she graduated from the Greater Works Bible School as valedictorian.

Her next year was spent in ministry training under the leadership of Prophet Micheal Carter, who prophesied of how God was going to release her in marriage and into the pastoral office. Not many days after this prophetic word, on January 23, 2011, Coffie met the man who would become her life partner and her pastor, Dr. Lincoln George Coffie, M.D. During this very year, she and Dr. Lincoln Coffie were married and on November 4th 2011, she was official ordained as a minister of the Gospel.

As they transitioned into the call of God for their lives together, they were ordained as pastors on March 10, 2013 by their Overseer, Bishop Courtney McLean, who continues to push them for their next place in God.

Together the Coffies founded Open Fire International Fellowship located in Killeen Texas. Their union has so far been blessed with a beautiful daughter Lael Coffie and a very charming son, Ethan Coffie. They have vowed to continue in the call of God knowing that the race is not for the swift but for those who endure it to the end. They share the confidence that he God who has begun a good work in them will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ.

## First Lady Mia Lozano *Riverside Church • theriversidewaco.com*

First Lady Mia Lozano is a Waco native with over 16 years of children's ministry behind her and seven years of assistant pastoral staff experience. In her early years she was a sign language interpreter from 1998-2000, until God called her to the church as a full time children's pastor. She has been instrumental in the development and execution of outreach events, conferences, and camps for children as well as discipleship and training for children's church workers nationwide, even serving as head over the chil-



**MIA LOZANO**

dren's conference for several years under the Faith Christian Fellowship Int'l Network.

Lozano is a community volunteer, part-time clown, resale shop owner. She enjoys her free time with her seven grandkids or in the kitchen cooking up batches of her famous heavenly hot sauce, an enterprise she started in 1996. Mia and her husband of 25 years, Marseo "Selo" Lozano recently launched a mobile community church plant in the East side of Waco, in October of 2016 where they serve as senior pastors.

# "An Evening Anchored In Pearls" Honorees

## First Lady Susie Biggers Snell *Titus IME Christian Fellowship*

First Lady Susie Snell is the oldest of eleven children born to Carlie and Pearline Biggers in Idabel, Oklahoma.

She is the wife of Pastor Tyran Snell. Married 41 years, they are the proud parents of 11 children total – two biological and nine adopted. They pastor Titus IME Christian Fellowship Church, Old Marlin Hwy 6, in Riesel, TX.

1st Lady Susie Snell is a medical assistant and a graduate of Hugo High School, Hugo, OK. She attended a vocational college, receiving a certificate as a nursing assistant. She then attended Remington College in Ft. Worth, TX and received a certificate as a medical assistant. She has worked in the medical field since the age of 16 and continues to work and assist those with disabilities.

Snell loves her husband and is his greatest supporter. She and her husband serve the people of their congregation



**SUSIE MAE BIGGERS SNELL**

with love and faithfulness, ministering to not only their congregation, but the to the community as well.

Colossians 4:6 is dear to Snell's heart: "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

## First Lady Stephanie Stimpson *Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church*

Worshiper, mentor, and vessel of grace—these words describe First Lady Stephanie Nicole Browning-Stimpson, a dynamic Woman of God. A native of Waco, Texas, Stimpson is the daughter of Stephen and Curley Browning, sister of Delicia Browning-Moore, the wife of Pastor Duriel O. Stimpson Sr. and the mother of Michael, Madison, and Duriel Jr. "DJ." She is also the proud First Lady of Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Downsville, Texas.

Lady Stephanie accepted the Lord at an early age and united with Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church Pastored by the Late Rufus McClain, where she served on the youth usher board and sang in the youth choir until she graduated from Midway High School. After graduation, she enlisted in the US Army and served her country as a military police while playing basketball for the trav-



**STEPHANIE STIMPSON**

eling US Army Basketball team in Taegu, South Korea. After she completed her enlistment, she returned home to Waco to pursue and earn her degree in computer science with a specialization of client server.

Being very active in community outreach, she has coun-

seled, mentored, tutored and assisted many that are having difficulty trying to figure out what their life's goals are. She has assisted in college prep, job applications, resume prep, and interview skills for many young adults and adults, preparing them for success. Stimpson goes out weekly delivering goods to people in need, instilling in them to always pray, keep God first in all they do and watch God do the rest. She loves to see God take problems of people and change them into their potential.

Stephanie is a Christian woman who loves God, family and church. She has made it her life's mission to work hard to help everyone as she shares her love, wisdom and compassion.

Stimpson is a highly respected, greatly loved servant of God who is worthy of double honor; whom God is not through with yet.

## First Lady Mony Chance *Peace Church*

First Lady Mony Chance, formerly from Monroe, Louisiana, was reared in a loving Apostolic home where her love for music, singing, playing the piano, and any activity (surrounding church) became a passion! She enjoys reading inspirational and personal growth books along with several devotionals that contribute daily to her personal relationship with Jesus Christ. She has previously owned an interior decorating shop and still enjoys many aspects of design, specializing in details for that "finishing touch!" She has three grown sons and has been married to her wonderful husband, Pastor Mike Chance, for the past 6 ½ years.

Chance has always been an active leader in the ministry, which has included teaching Sunday school classes and on occasion, speaking to ladies' ministries. She is currently mu-



**MONY CHANCE**

sic director, keyboardist, and inspirational leader to Deeper Level ministry. Prior to her current ministerial assignment, she travelled extensively with her husband in evangelistic ministry to churches, conventions, and conferences across the Nation.

Chance has shared her desire to impact lives by awakening the Spirit within

## First Lady Ebani Weaver *Brookview Community Church*

First Lady Ebani Weaver was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. She is the wife of Pastor Larrye Weaver II of the Brookview Community Church located in Waco, Texas. She served in ministry for several years in Las Vegas working the altar, praying for people, serving in children's ministry, working as an usher, singing in the choir and on the praise team, leading worship, working as church treasurer and assisting where ever she was needed.

Weaver was ordained as a minister in 2009 under the leadership of Apostle Greg-

ory Kirby of Come Unto Me Ministries. She moved to Texas in 2013 and lived in North Texas until she was married in 2015 where she served in ministry at Victory Life Church.

Her passions include working along-side her husband



**EBANI WEAVER**

to a "deeper level" of relationship and intimacy with God through prayer!

She resides in Waco, Texas with her husband, who is the Pastor of Peace Church, soon to be named New Day Family Fellowship.

in ministry, helping people, praying and laboring with those in need, teaching others about Jesus and purity in a world of promiscuity and immorality. In addition, she has a passion for anything related to fashion and fashion design. Weaver loves crafting and using her hands to be creative. She attended the fashion program at the University of Nevada Las Vegas where she learned the industry and gain skills in fashion and creative design.

Currently, she is a stay-at-home mom, where she cares for and nurtures her one-year-old daughter. Prior to her becoming a mother, she worked in several administrative roles. She started the Audacious Purity and Discipleship Program that is available to the Waco Community. She is also owner of an online boutique called Polka Dots, Pearls n' Lace that is exclusive to Facebook.

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## First Lady Grace Evet Taylor Allen Spring Street Church

First Lady Grace Allen is a true woman of God devoting her life to the purpose in which God has predestinated for her. Allen accepted Christ at the age of 13 at her home church Primitive Baptist Church in Calvert, Texas. She has served as the co-pastor of Spring Street Church, helping to lead the congregation for the last three years and longer and remains a preacher and conference speaker focusing on the area of leadership both in the church and in corporate settings.

Allen was born July 12, 1968 as the only girl and the youngest of five children born to Mary Nell Taylor and James Ellis Taylor. She believes in preaching and teaching the Word of God, and just as importantly, she believes that we must "live" the word. Allen is a no nonsense, tell it like it is, open and honest Woman of God and is respected because of her "do as I do" and "not as I say" attitude.

Called as a preacher of the Gospel on February 28, 2010, Allen has served in a number of positions— President of



**GRACE EVET TAYLOR ALLEN**

the Women's Ministry, assistant with the youth department, member of the praise team, choir, and the finance team. She will travel to and fro to pray and feed the hungry.

For several years she has volunteered weekly at the Waco Homeless Shelter sharing the Word, cooking and serving breakfast for those in need. She is always willing to serve the brothers and sisters not only at Spring Street but

anywhere in any capacity. As a prophetess, she is a leader's "leader" and has devoted herself to the betterment of people in general through the spiritual process. The Word of God could not say it better in John 13:35. "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Allen has been employed with Waco Tribune Herald as a marketing consultant for the past 29 years. Graduating from Bremond High School in 1986, she then attended Four-C Business College, where she received a data-entry typist degree.

Allen and her handsome husband, William Allen, were joined in holy matrimony on October 17, 1998. They have three beautiful children: two daughters, A'Sha and Faith, a son, Demetrius, and son-in-law, Lance.

Her favorite scripture is Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."

## First Lady Myrtle Fay Lott Jones Sunset Baptist Church

First Lady Minister Myrtle Faye Jones, a native of Waco, Texas, is the daughter of the late Pastor William Lott Jr. and Sis. Eliza Lott. She is married to Alvin Jones, pastor of Sunset Baptist Church in Riesel, Texas. After 31 years of marriage, she is still captivated by her husband's charm and affection.

Jones grew up in the Waco community and graduated in 1980 from Richfield High School in Waco, Texas. She is currently employed in the Human Resource Department at Cargill Turkey and Cooked Meats with over 31 years of faithful and dedicated service. Not only does she work inside, but she also volunteers on the Cargill Cares Committee with various projects within the community such as Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Pack-A-Hope, Brazos Night, Adopt-A-Highway and Ronald McDonald House in Dallas.

Jones was a member of Good Samaritan Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Napoleon Weaver until 1986. She then united with Zion Hill Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, where she was born into the body of Christ in 1988. Exemplifying the attribute of "true faithfulness," she has dual membership at both Sunset Baptist Church and Zion Hill Baptist Church.

Jones was licensed and ordained as a gospel preacher in October 2014 at the Sunset Baptist Church, where she



**MYRTLE FAY LOTT JONES**

has ministered diligently and faithfully alongside her husband for the past 3 years.

She not only shares the pulpit with her husband, but she also serves as a Sunday School teacher and a member of the music ministry. In addition, she is involved with Deaconess & Ministers Wives, Pastor's Aide, the Women Ministry, and the Nursing Home Ministry. Jones is a member of the Finance Committee, the Falls County District Association, and the Willow Grove District Baptist Association.

Jones accepts the privilege and awesome responsibility of seizing every opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, declaring that men will be converted, one soul at a time. Her favorite scripture is Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

## First Lady Ruby Minnit The Rose of Sharon Baptist Church

First Lady and Minister Ruby Minnit is the mother of four children and six, grandchildren. She is married to Arthur Wayne Minnit, pastor of The Rose of Sharon Baptist Church. At The Rose of Sharon, Minnit ministers on a regular basis, where she oversees the children's church ministry, sings in the choir, teaches Sunday School and is the Vice President of the 7-Up Ministry. First Lady Minnit is co-ordinator for Helping Hands Christian Fellowship and chaplain for the Willow Grove District Association.

Minnit was licensed and ordained in 2015 and began running for JESUS even harder since her ordination. "Jesus is the best thing that ever happened to me," said Min-



**RUBY MINNIT**

nit.

She worked at EOAC for seventeen years and GOD opened another door and

placed her at Caritas, where the motto is "Beyond hunger to hope!"

Minnit's personal motto is, "If I can help somebody along the way, then my living will not be in vain." Minnit says what she found out in her 53 years is that it's not how much a person knows, it's not how much a person has, but it is how much that person has given. "As believers in Christ," said Minnit, "I believe our Christian anthem should be the 23rd Psalm. 'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,' because the Lord will provide our every need." Minnit added that she is thrilled to be honored as a Pearl in the community, but "Most of all," she said, "I am glad to be recognized as a child of God."

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## First Lady Nella Regenia Scott New Branch Worship Center

First Lady Nella Regenia Scott was born July 1, in Houston, Texas, to the late James Wheeler and the late Arnease Wheeler. She is married to Lawrence E. Scott, Sr., founding pastor of New Branch Worship Center. This year they are celebrating twenty-five (25) years of ministry at New Branch.

Scott received her evangelist missionary license in 1997 and district missionary license in 2004 in the Church of God In Christ, Inc. In her local church she serves as administrator of the women's department, sings in the choir and helps to coordinate and expedite various activities for other auxiliaries as needed. She labors in love by being a confidant, spiritual friend and a role model. One of her favorite scriptures is Matt. 5:15. "Let your light so shine before men, that they might see your good works, and glorify the Father which is in heav-



**NELLA REGENIA SCOTT**

en."

Scott attended G. W. Carver High School, and furthered her education at McLennan Community College. After a break in her education, she returned to Paul Quinn College and received a Bachelor's of Arts degree in business administration in 1985.

In 2014, she retired (after serving 30 years) as a Veterans' Service Representative at the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Waco Regional Office. Although this was a very rewarding and fulfilling chapter of her life, she delights in the fact that that now she has time to more efficiently work for the Lord.

Her hobbies include sewing, cooking, shopping and spending quality time with her family, doing sing-alongs and enjoying good food and especially having fun with the grandchildren.

Scott and her husband look forward to celebrating forty-seven (47) years of marriage in September of this year. They have six children: Steven Scott, Stephanie Bazlie, Shaunte' Stewart, Lawrence Scott, Jr, Shaquita Hopkins and Shanita McFloyd. They have fourteen (14) wonderful grandchildren; eight (8) boys and six (6) girls.

## First Lady Doris M. Burkley Goodwill Baptist Church

Goodwill Baptist Church's First Lady Doris M. Burkley was born September 13th and is the youngest of 21 children born to the Late Deacon Clifton "Buddy" and Mrs. Eleanor London of Satin, TX. Burkley is a graduate of Chilton High School. Her academic imprint includes studying at Baylor University and the Waco Baptist Association Seminary Extension program. She is a graduate of the Academy for Lay Ministry Program of Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church in Waco. Burkley is a trained and certified cosmetologist and the owner and proprietor of Dee Dee's Beauty Salon in Waco, TX.

God has gifted Burkley with a multitude of talents that are on full display for His glory. She is a professional actress, who traveled all over the country and was a part of the cast for the play "Reverend, I'm Available" and "Reverend, I'm Available, 2" both of which were later produced as movies. She has also rendered her talents to the play "Joann's Struggling Soul," which became a motion picture. First Lady Doris Burkley is a public speaker and utilizes her gifts of acting to ren-



**DORIS M. BURKLEY**

der biblical dramatizations that are insightful, motivational and inspirational, particularly her rendition of "Black Moses: Harriett Tubman."

This first lady is a very active woman of God who has contributed much to the Kingdom of God. She has been married to the love of her life, Pastor Kevin Burkley, Sr. for 42 years. They have five children and 10 grandchildren.

In her spare time, First Lady Doris enjoys singing and interior designing.

## First Lady Vicki L. Stone Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

Working alongside her husband in the ministry, First Lady Vicki L. Stone and Pastor Brill Stone together impart biblical wisdom, compassion, and integrity to the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church family.

As the First Lady, Stone has set an awesome, inspiring example of how to grow in godliness. Her strong prayer life and faith in God reflect a life of devotion to God, to the principles of His word, and to meeting the needs of people.

She is a lecturer, teacher, and a leader. She knows the value of prayer and spends much time in prayer, visits the sick and shut-in, and has a special place in her heart for the elderly.

Her own life exemplifies the victory she unwaveringly proclaims to all who will commit themselves to the



**VICKI L. STONE**

Word of God. Her favorite scriptures are include "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

This first lady is devoted to seeing the vision of Pleasant Grove demonstrated. Her passion and interest is to provide a spark that will empower more Christians to stand up for righteousness.

She earned her Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from Baylor University in elementary education. Earning a Master of Science (MS) degree from Tarleton State University in educational administration, Stone currently serves as the assistant principal at West Avenue Elementary School, where she impacts the lives of students daily.

First Lady Vicki Stone has been a faithful and true wife of Rev. Brill R. Stone, Sr. for 33 years and is the mother of one adult son, Brill, Jr. She enjoys Bible study, shopping, and spending quality time with her family.

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# "An Evening Anchored In Pearls" Honorees

## First Lady Lynell Jackson Snow Greater Shiloh M.B.C.

First Lady Minister Lynell Snow is a proud member of the Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Her husband of 33 years is the proud pastor, Rev. James C. Snow. They share three children and five grandchildren. Her church activities include church secretary, Sunday School teacher/secretary, Mission president, nursing home ministry and children's church Coordinator.

Snow is a God-fearing example to all in her church. She is the link in the fence that holds the congregation together. She is an ever present helpmate to her husband and a bright and shining star to her children and grandchildren. Her love for her church is



LYNELL JACKSON SNOW

overpowering. Her dedication and commitment is overwhelming. Her personality has won the favor and love of many.

## First Lady Valencia J. Davis Brownhill Church

First Lady Valencia Davis is the wife of Rev. Al Davis. They are the Pastor and First Lady of Brownhill Church located in Hubbard, Texas. Davis is sometimes known by her middle name, Jeannette. She and her husband are the proud parents of five children—Al, a computer tech administrator, Nicolle, a nurse at the Waco V.A. hospital, William, an assistant principal at Jasper High School, Jesse, who was recently discharged from the U.S. Army and is now attending college, and Jessica, a nurse at Houston Methodist Hospital. Together the Davises have nine grandchildren.

Davis enjoys traveling, exercising, sewing, cooking, family gatherings, and attending theater art productions with her husband. She is employed with the Heart of Texas MHMR agency in Waco, where she is an administrative billing tech. This first lady holds an Associate degree in market-



VALENCIA J. DAVIS

ing management and another in business applied science. She is currently 23 hours away from a business administration degree from Tarleton State University.

"The best decision that I ever made was to turn my life over to God," said Davis. She encourages her children and everybody she knows to always put God first. "Then," she says, "just sit back and watch how far you can go."

—The Goodwill Baptist Church • Lott, Texas—

# Congratulations First Lady Doris Marie Burkley

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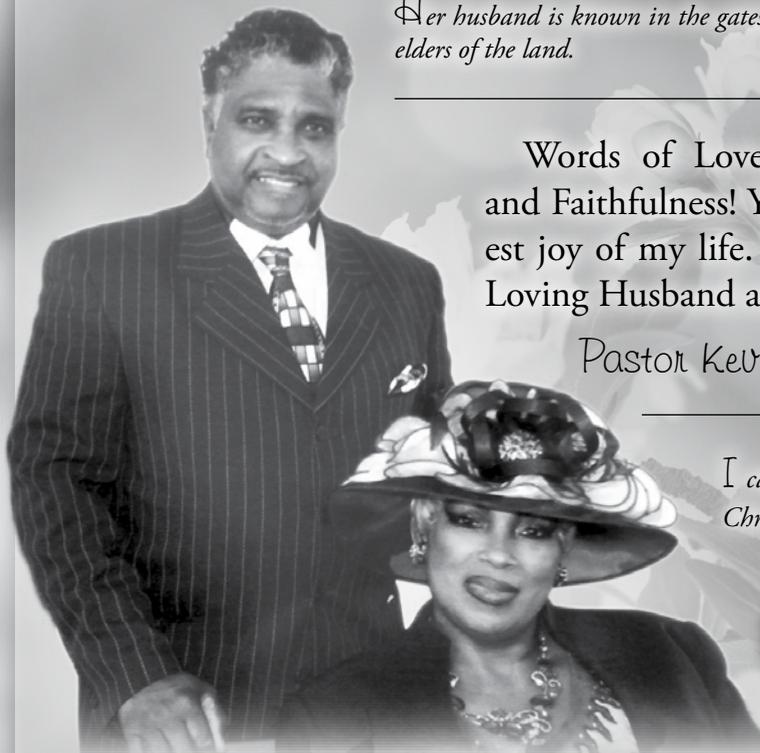
"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." —Matthew 5:16.

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# Congratulations First Lady Doris Burkley!

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Pastor Kevin Burkley, Sr.

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I thank God for you.

# "An Evening Anchored In Pearls" Honorees

## First Lady Lilian Eberhardt Stephens • New Jerusalem Baptist Church

First Lady Lilian Stephens was born and raised in Nairobi Kenya. She lived in the Dallas area for twenty-two years and moved to Waco a year ago, when she became a new bride, marrying to K. W. Stephens, pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Axtell, Texas. The church is over 145

years old.

Stephens is currently an independent broker for the family's logistics company, LPD Logistics and an independent dispatcher for their trucking company, LPD Transportation. Stephens attended Tarrant College and Dallas Community College pursu-

ing logistics technology. She is currently attending Texas Women's University.

"My main mission of the church is the support my husband in ministry," Stephens said. As part of the pastor's mission and vision statement, I was instrumental in develop-

ing a Tea Party ministry to allow the women of the church to connect once a month in a stronger and more powerful way that included worship, prayer, and fellowship. The ministry's purpose is to help the women of New Jerusalem understand that they are important and appreciated. "We want to treat them as VIPs," declared Stephens.

Pastor Stephens encourages his wife to continue her



LILIAN STEPHENS

passion of serving God's children, especially those who are less fortunate. The first lady is proud to say that they have developed a ministry to help young working moms and women and our men who have fallen into some tough times mainly from abuse from another. The ministry is called "Dress for Success." It is a ministry that provides free job search attire for different organizations within the greater Waco metropolitan.

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Mary's passions lie in education, community relations, the arts, and sharing her faith. A middle math school teacher in Waco ISD, Mary recently graduated with her Masters in Educational Administration with Principal Certification from Baylor University. Believing in "writing the vision and making it plain",

her future aspiration is to found her own school, Mary Evans Academy right here in Waco, Tx. A mentor to many young people, her no-nonsense approach speaks love and truth to teens who often have no positive role models in their lives.

Back in the fall, Mary, along with local barber, Ivan LeBlanc at Look At Me Now in Waco, came together to birth a reading program for mostly young boys while they got a haircut. The program is called "Promote Literacy", where the children

## EVANS

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read a book while they get their hair cut and get rewarded \$2 for their efforts. It's become an exciting and inspiring community initiative that has brought reading into the barbershop and garnered local support from people in the community and local organizations. In March of this year, LeBlanc, his wife Delicia, and Mary organized a Reading Adventure for the spring break campers that included Mary being the featured author to read to the children, ages 5 and up.

Always connected to the

community in some way, Mary is a past member of the Friends of the Library Board and is currently a Board of Director for the Central Texas Genealogical Society. Mary is a member of Antioch Community Church, where Jimmy Seibert is the pastor. She serves with the children's desk ministry and leads a life group for singles. Mary's favorite scripture is 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in

faith and in purity."

In her spare time, Mary enjoys writing, blogging, photography, technology, public speaking and spending time with her long haired Dachshund, Faith Elizabeth.

The gala is scheduled for Saturday, May 13 at 6:00 at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum. 18 pastors' wives will be honored. Honorees receive a relaxed formal evening of food, fellowship, live entertainment, and pampering in general. They also receive a set of pearls from Marilyn's Gift Gallery, a one night getaway from one of the City's nicest hotels, a dinner for two, and additional miscellaneous gifts.

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# The turtle's edge

BY MONA DUNKIN

You remember the story of the turtle and the hare and how slow consistency won over spurts of speed. Although I love those inspirational moments of quantum leap productivity, I am finding that persistent intermittent activity proves to be more sustaining of long-term success.

Does persistent intermittence sound contradictory? Let me explain.

Decision vs. Circumstances: Words carry weight. To a hare, commitment is heavy, demanding and onerous; with little or no fun. Whereas a decision is simply changing one's mind from doing this to doing that. A decision is lighter, easier to handle and even energizing. The benefits of following your decision are such a blessing that one unconsciously slides into being committed to the goal.

Stretch/Grow/Stretch: The human body is equipped to meet challenges. Adrenaline may be released to power-up for a Herculean feat, or the parasympathetic system may be activated to power-down to preserve life (trauma in a fall, fatigue from overwork).

Small Steps: Ironically, speed walking is not in the length of the gait but in short steps. A health article predicted an individual's longevity based on the time in which he completed a mile.

The suggestion to increase speed was to take smaller steps. I tried it. It works. I am now applying this strategy to projects and receiving quicker results. As the task is broken down into small steps for quicker completion, energy is increased to keep on going.

Six-a-Day/Three-a-Day: The story goes that years ago Ivy Lee proposed to Charles Schwab, president of Bethlehem Steel, a strategy to increase his company's efficiency. Each executive was asked to take a few



MONA DUNKIN

minutes at the end of each day to make a list of the six most important things to be done the next day; then number the tasks in order of importance. Early the next morning, they were to tackle number one and continue down the list until closing time. Whatever was left over would move to the top of tomorrow's list. It worked.

This plan still works today. Pre-determine where your energy will go and start at the top. Feel good about marking off an accomplished task and proceed to the next. In my turtle's edge frame, I go for three-a-day and anything else is a bonus.

Four/Seven: Release the popular 24/7/365 self-defeating attitude for performance. Decide to devote a minimum of four days out of seven to the newly formulated goal. I think back to a goal on my to-do-list that kept being moved to tomorrow until it became a drudgery to even think about doing it. So I marked it off. There. Forget about it. Go on to other things.

Only subconsciously that goal was too important to mark off. Once I took it out of my have-to sphere of to-do, I found myself excitedly making plans and looking forward to doing them.

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# The crops we are reaping are from seeds we have sown

BY MATTHEW REED

without a rational pFarmers don't plant cotton and expect to reap corn. Horse ranchers don't breed Angus cows and expect quarter horses to be born. Mankind can't sow hate and expect love in return. We can't sow deceit and expect trust. We can't sow discord and expect unity. We can't sit and do nothing and expect something. We can't do bad and expect good. We can't eat from the devil's table and expect God to bless us. We can't sow anarchy and look for structure. We can't sow disrespect and look for respect. We can't walk in unbelief and expect to have faith.

My point is you reap what you sow. God made this world like this and there isn't any changing it. These are universal laws and try as you may, they can't be changed. Whatever is going on in your life you or somebody planted it. If you like the crop, keep sowing

the same thing; you will keep getting the same results. If you don't like it, sow the kind of seeds for the crop desired and that crop will manifest in your (field) life. It's the law.

You can't read worldly books and come to know God. You can't get a different outcome by doing the same thing. You can't deny the facts to change the truth. You can't be a felon and expect to be gainfully employed. You can't be a law breaker and not eventually go to jail. That's just the way it is (the facts of life). You can't live in a mansion working for pennies. You can't make more money if you are an entry level employee. You can't become more than entry level employee if you don't qualify yourself. You can't soar with eagles if you fly with buzzards.



PASTOR MATTHEW AND HELEN REED

You can't be a doctor, nurse, lawyer, teacher, accountant, dentist and any other professional that requires formal education without going to college. You can't be a Christian without repenting.

You can't lie in the sack half a day and expect to keep up with those who get up at the crack of dawn. Proverbs14:23 says, "In all labor there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury." What crops are you sowing?

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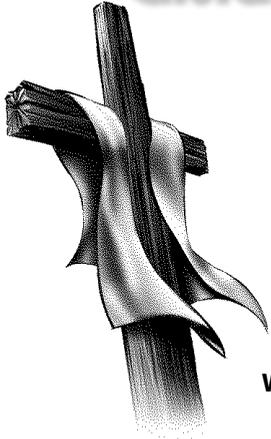
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tening to them and praying for them, no matter the circumstances in her life.

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# Heaven has big, beautiful walls and gates! Part 2

BY RUBY MCCRAY

Continued from the April edition of *The Anchor News*.

If you haven't read part one of this series, I ask that you log on to: [www.theanchornews.com](http://www.theanchornews.com), click Archives, then click the month of May. I'm trying to present this from the Biblical point of view.

I don't want to be redundant, but I must ask, what's wrong with President Trump building a wall to protect us; and what's wrong with us Conservative Americans wanting a wall to be protected?

"Then one of the seven angels who held the seven bowls containing the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come with me! I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.'

"So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone—like jasper as clear as crystal. The city wall was broad and high, with twelve gates guarded by twelve angels. And the names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written on the gates. There were three gates on each side—east,

north, south, and west. The wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

"The angel who talked to me held in his hand a gold measuring stick to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. When he measured it, he found it was a square, as wide as it was long. In fact, its length and width and height were each 1,400 miles. Then he measured the walls and found them to be 216 feet thick (according to the human standard used by the angel).

"The wall was made of jasper, and the city was pure gold, as clear as glass. The wall of the city was built on foundation stones inlaid with twelve precious stones: the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chryso-prase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

"The twelve gates were made of pearls—each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass" (Revelation 21:9-21).

Please review paragraph four and tell me what kind of illegal



EVANGELIST  
RUBY MCCRAY

could climb or penetrate that wall? Even if one could get to the city, angels are guarding the doors—not "Border Patrols" (see paragraph three). With what will one kill an angel who can't die?

Fellow American and World Citizens, if you have not done so already, please read and obey Acts 2:37-40. Many who say to JESUS, "Lord! Lord!" will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of the Father in heaven (Matthew 7:21-23).

"Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who prac-

tices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life" (Revelation 21:27).

Here are more passages listing those who would be "ILLEGAL" in heaven. "But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murders, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshippers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

"When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-26).

"Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of

God. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Praise the Lord! I graduated from that list of ILLEGALS!

I can't begin to tell you how many times I've said that the "BIBLE" of the GOD of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob should be the number One Textbook in the classrooms of every school. Since it's not, everyone is doing whatever he/she wants—you see to where that has gotten us (Judges 17:6). Pure Chaos! If we could only get people to teach it in their homes, everything else would take care of itself (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

When people from other countries come into these great United States of America, they should be forced to assimilate or return to their own countries. You may not believe me, but... just what if I'm right?

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Voice.

- Was music director for the Miss UMHB Pageant for four years writing several original music compositions.

- Received a double major in music and social science, 1977.

- Received a Master's level degree from ATSA – School of Engineering and Science Topeka Kansas, 1979.

- Masters level graduate studies at South Western University and Baylor University.

- Received a doctorate – D min. and Crisis Counseling from ITGW seminary extension of Minnesota State University, June of 2000.

- Continuing a pursuit of masters in Gerontology from Baylor Univ.

Harrison can be called a Renaissance man. He served as the first African American Liaison for Baylor and served there for 12 years in various capacities. He also served as Director of Cultural Affairs for W.I.S.D. for several years, and as the Director of Cultural Affairs and Community Service for the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. To date, he is the first African American meteorologist to air on a major network

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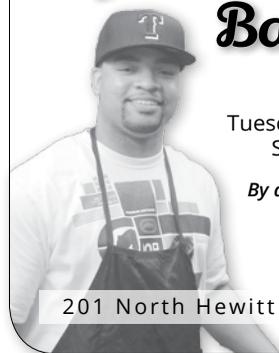
Harrison is a published author with Seeds Magazine of the Baptist General Convention of OTexas, and he hosted and produced Channel 10's (CBS) television program Forum for 8 years. He has provided staff development training for Luby's Inc. Golden Coral, Baylor, UMHB, Rice Univ., University of Texas, A&M Univ., McLennan Community College, City of Temple, Houston, Atlanta, New York, Washington D.C., L.A. Tyler, Longview, Gatesville, City of Belton Texas and others and has presented for several school districts including Waco, Temple, Belton, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, Midway and others.

The recipient of several awards including the Outstanding Male Image award of Texas,

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