

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2010
"Deborah's Daughters"
(Lady Clergy)
of the N.C. Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church



From the desk of Director Janice

We are excited to announce our 2010 "Retreat"

scheduled for April 23-24, 2010, in Falcon.

Our theme is "Pulling Down Strongholds".

Guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Lynn Lucas from East Northport, NY.

Dr. Lucas is the co-founder and Senior Pastor of the first church that was established in the town of Elwood (E. Northport). She earned a Doctorate of Theology and Ministry from Christian Life School of Theology and Seminary, and graduated from Friends University with degrees in Psychology and Sociology.

This year we have planned a retreat environment as opposed to training.

Please feel free to invite "Lady Clergy" from other denominations to attend.

See the enclosed brochure for details and registration form,
or view the Deborah's Daughters link at www.nciphc.com.

We hope to see you there!!



"Chainsaw Carving Preacher"
Welcome Rev. Susie Weaver

I was ordained with The Congregational Holiness Church in Florida where I evangelized, worked in a jail and street ministry, and was the Women's Ministries Director of the Florida Conference. Seven years ago, I fell in love with and married Rev. Kenneth Weaver, a NC Pentecostal Holiness minister. My love for him expanded to the brothers and sisters of the NC Conference who lovingly embraced me. I joined the NC Conference as an ordained minister in August, 2009.

I am currently involved with a prison ministry in Raleigh. I also work as a teacher's assistant, bus driver, and comedian. But, I am the happiest when I'm talking about Jesus.

The Lord has given me a very unique gift. I am a chainsaw carver. I have enjoyed this profession for approximately 30 years. My carvings range from peach seeds to 22 feet logs. I have participated in shows all over the southeastern United States. When people ask if I ever received formal training, I tell them "no, the Lord Jesus Christ gave me the gift".

This has opened many doors outside of the pulpit to witness of His tremendous love and power. Many newspaper articles have been written about my gift. However, the only way I will authorize an article to be published is if they will include the news of my love for Jesus, and the fact that my talent came from Him.

If you ever see a little short women coming down the road with a chainsaw in one hand and a Bible in the other, FEAR NOT, IT IS I.

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God has called His "Daughters"
to various ministries outside the pulpit.



Lights, Action, Camera!
Rev. Loraine Thorne, you're on!!

I was born to sharecroppers in 1941. Our resources were limited but my Daddy taught me the rich value of honesty, respect, and hard work. I grew up in church and gave my heart to Jesus at age 12.

By the time I was 13 I began to feel the prompting of the Holy Spirit to preach. It was not until I was an adult that I really knew how to respond to His calling. I received my Local Church License with the NC Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1992 and my Ministers License in 1998.

My first pastorate was at Vicks Chapel (Faith Family Worship) in 1993. I also pastored Calvary Temple in 1996.

The Lord continued opening doors for me so that in 2000, I was privileged to have my own radio program playing Southern Gospel music. In addition, I became involved in TV ministry.

After eight years of working with Shirley Creekmore, Holy Spirit led me to birth "4 Him Ministries". The program airs each Saturday morning from 10:00-11:00 on WHIG TV, channel 17. This has given me a forum in which to preach and pray for the sick. Also, I occasionally have guests to sing or preach. The program may be viewed online at www.whigTV.com.

And let's not forget the local church and community! Currently, I am leading the Adult Young at Heart Class. In addition, I am a substitute teacher at Elm City Elementary School. I might not be able to teach the children about Jesus but I can teach them His principles. God is truly blessing and has opened many doors for me outside of the pulpit.



"Pulpits That Are Not Pulpits"
Rev. Myrisha Goodson

It is my privilege to share with you a little bit about myself; chiefly about my profession, and how it has influenced and intertwined itself with my ministry. I am a nurse. For the past 26 years I have introduced myself to my patients in exactly the same way. Whether they were my patients in jail, nursing homes, or hospitals, it has always started out with the same greeting...."Hi, I'm Myrisha. I'll be your nurse tonight and I'm here to take care of you." In my profession I have had the honor of holding the hands of precious saints as they slipped away into eternity in death, stood by as a young mother found out that she had cancer, and witnessed the first cry of a new born baby. I have accompanied some of the greatest men and women of God I've ever known to Latin America where we set up make-shift medical clinics and treated hundreds. I watched precious mamas stand in line in the scorching sun all day just to get a little bag of Tylenol or some cold medicine for their children.

So what does this profession have to do with my ministry? It has been and continues to be "on-the-job training" for me as a pastor/teacher. When God called me to preach in 1991 I immediately had visions of pastoring a church, dedicating babies, and baptizing new believers. But then one day while I was sitting at my kitchen table, the Word of the Lord came to me as clearly as my own voice saying, "I will make for you pulpits that are not pulpits." It was amazing! It was as if in that moment all of the doubts and wondering about the purpose of my life became clear. My life was no longer compartmentalized into neat little boxes labeled wife, mother, nurse, minister...the gift and calling of God was the big box that held all of the smaller boxes in place! Everything about me personally, professionally, and spiritually had a purpose: to build the kingdom of God!

Since our lives are to be living epistles read of all men we are all somewhat in pulpits that are not pulpits, aren't we? May I challenge you today to fully embrace your calling and profession whole heartedly? You may be an evangelist disguised as a worker in an urban ministry, a pastor working under cover as a nurse, or an intercessor tucked away in an overstuffed closet trying to pray while your 2 year old knocks on the door. The gifts and callings of God are not for someday...they are for today. Wherever you are in your life today, won't you let God make, for you, pulpits that are not pulpits? The profession that I once saw as "something to do" until I figured out what I was supposed to do in ministry has now become one of the biggest blessings of my life...with just a little change of heart!

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