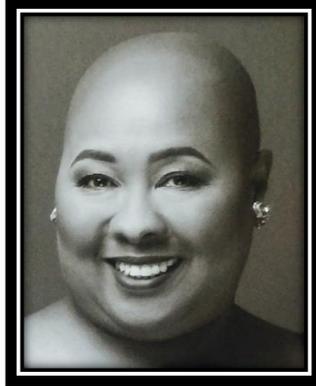


Pastor Kay Dawson
Cathedral of Praise, Inc., Senior Pastor



This native Texan's nurturing hand derives from her parents, two educators, the late L. V. Williams and his surviving widow, Margaret Williams. They did a fine job of instilling her with a well-rounded balance of spirituality, social awareness, self-esteem, and education.

Elder Kay Dawson is certainly a woman of many accomplishments, but her first call is to her family. She is the acclaimed First Lady of Overseer Melvin C. Dawson Jr., the founder of the Cathedral of Praise, Inc. She is not only a help meet to her husband at home and at church, but also in his music ministry, the national recording group "Genesis." She is blessed to parent three Aryelle, Melvin III, and Ahkeem.

Her upbringing and persevering spirit have assisted her in flourishing in so many avenues of her life. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts in Social Work from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX. After serving for several years with the State of Florida Department of Children and Families, God opened the door for her to ascertain her own social services agency called Cathedral House, Inc. Cathedral House is a safe haven where supervised visitation is provided for children within the foster care system, in hopes of reunifying them with their immediate family. Cathedral House also provides Anger Management and Domestic Violence classes, Nurturing Parenting classes, tutoring, mentorship, transportation services and the Gateway Re-entry Program for ex-offenders.

Prior to her establishing Cathedral House, she obtained her master's degree from St. Thomas University. She is a Marriage and Family Therapist with an emphasis on Grief, Loss and Healing. In order to continue to meet the needs of her church and community, she conducts a support group affectionately called, "Coffee and Conversations!" She is a firm believer that we all share a common direction and sense of common purpose. We can arrive to purpose quicker and easier if we travel on the thrust of one another. As a thirty-year resident of South Dade, her call to outreach far extends her church. She is a community activist and is always in "the streets" interfacing with the people, the police, and the politicians. Her voice is echoed throughout South Florida with Grace and Power. She continues her community service by being a devoted and proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and is honored to serve as the President of the Miami Alumnae Chapter and Secondary Advisor for the Tau Rho Chapter at the University of Miami, while also serving as the State of Florida Chaplain.

In August of 2013, she was installed as the Senior Pastor/Teacher of the Cathedral of Praise, Inc., by her husband Overseer Melvin Dawson, the Kingdom Connection Fellowship International State of Florida Overseer.

It is plain to see that Pastor Kay Dawson has her own special influence upon the earth. Thank God, one day she heard the voice of the Lord, obeyed and said, "Yes"!