

## Pastor Tonya M. Holmes is a

native of Charleston, South Carolina born to Joe & Addie Holmes in 1966. She was educated in the public school system of Charleston, SC, and a graduate with honors in Office Automation from Mansfield Business College. Tonya is the proud mother of two children, Caleb and Amber.



Tonya's foundation began at an early age at the Charleston Temple Deliverance Tabernacle of America, Inc under the auspices of Bishop George K. Baxter. She was converted at the age of twelve; and at the age of thirteen, she received the Holy Ghost during a youth revival. At the age of fifteen, she preached her first sermon. In 1984, Bishop Baxter appointed her as Junior Pastor over the youth church in Charleston, SC. Also in that year, she ran her first revival and God has since then allowed her to travel throughout South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, and Maryland preaching the unadulterated Word of God. In 1988, this awesome jewel accepted the call to Evangelism under the leadership and guidance of Pastor Addie Holmes. Since then she has accepted to take an unpopular stand by ministering the unchanging truth -the Word of God- to a changing world.

The Lord led Elder Holmes on a seven-year journey where she lived and traveled from Laurinburg, NC to Orlando, FL. At the end of this journey, the Lord commissioned her to return to Charleston where she would lead His people out of captivity. Although she needed no confirmation as His will was clear to her, yet the Lord spoke these identical words to Elder Holmes through her Pastor in Orlando. Determined to obey the Lord, Elder Holmes relocated back to Charleston, SC in 2007. Upon her return, the baton was transferred from her mother, Pastor Emeritus Addie Holmes – founder of Latter House Ministries, International to Elder Tonya Holmes

Pastor Holmes began seeking the face of the Lord for His children. The Lord heard her prayers, He saw her tears, and like Daniel, the answer was released. Pastor Holmes' vision is to bring a change in people's lives who have been ostracized, criticized, abandoned, abused, and rejected. Her vision is to eliminate homelessness in our communities by providing transitional housing, counseling, feeding the hungry, etc. The Lord divinely connected Pastor Holmes with Pastor J.L. Flowers, Flowers Ministries, Inc./Shepherd Mission House, of Charlotte, NC, who would coach her in birthing her vision. Pastor J.L. Flowers is the Overseer of New Life Christian Center, formally known as Latter House Ministries, Int'l. Through this affiliation, New Life Christian Center provides transitional houses for the homeless, feeds the hungry, and provides counseling for those in need. Pastor Holmes earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and a Master's in Christian Counseling.

Pastor Holmes' life speaks of God's characteristics. She is a Worshipper and an Intercessor that the Father has found in the earth that has sold out to the call of living Holy, pure, and has an acceptable life that brings God Glory. It is evident that she is an anointed, chosen vessel pursuing passionately after God. Her very presence and testimony provoke change in the lives of saints and sinners. She has worked tirelessly in teaching, preaching, and living the Gospel for many years and is proud to receive her earned Doctoral Degree in Christian Counseling from FMI Biblical Studies & Seminary.