

### **Special Thanks**

First, I'd like to give a heart-felt thanks to the El Campanil Theater, from my first introduction to the theater through Rick C., I knew this theater was special and every experience since, has been wonderful. Thank you for allowing us to grace the stage of this historical theater and be among the many talented and gifted artists who have graced the same stage, leaving their mark in history. I know the lives of many, as well as the City of Antioch, its residents, and those beyond the city limits have been richly blessed as our Walls Family have. I pray by God's grace, the support needed to keep the theaters doors open and thriving comes, so the residents and the talents of many, yet to be revealed, will have this place to serve as their launching pad! I believe in miracles and a God who hears and answers prayers! - Ceola J.

To the patrons who spent your hard-earned money and set aside time to come and see what the Lord has and continues to do with our productions, thank you! I pray you are richly blessed, entertained and impacted in ways you never imagined from a theatrical production. We appreciate your trust in us, and we don't take it lightly. It's for you that we've been sent. There is a God who loves you deeply, and we pray that you experience that love through the story of each character and that you receive that love as freely as it has been given! On behalf of the entire Walls Family, I extend our warmest and deepest gratitude!

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To learn more about Ceola J. visit www.ceolaj.com

#### An Extension of Love

If you do not know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, I invite you to say this prayer with me: Lord, I ask you to forgive me of my sins, I ask you to wash me in your blood, and cleanse me. I believe you are the Christ, the only begotten Son of God. I ask you to be my Lord and Savior. In Jesus' Name. Now, ask your Father in Heaven to lead you to a Holy Spirit filled church where the uncompromised Word of God is taught. Blessings! Ceola J.

## Welcome, Family!

It is with great joy and humility that we welcome you to our second run of, "If These Walls Could Talk: A Family Affair." This production is more than a play, it's ministry! Every scene is prayer-packed, ministry-made, and real-life relatable, reminding us that God's power can heal, restore, and redeem.

We are honored to partner with Dream2b, our nonprofit that supports women, children, and youth. Tonight's performance not only shares a powerful story on stage but also blesses our community through donated tickets, opportunities in the arts and supports the efforts, programs and initiatives of Dream2b. Thank you for your support in attending tonight's performance! May you laugh, cry, praise, and leave with your heart renewed.

Blessings, Ceola J. Griffin and the Walls Family Writer, Producer & Co-Director

## **About the Story**

If These Walls Could Talk: A Family Affair is a heartfelt, prayer-packed, ministry-made, and real-life relatable gospel stage play that brings everyday life to the stage. Written and produced by Ceola J., and co-directed with Don "Dusty" Phelps, this original production blends drama, faith, laughter, and music to remind us that no matter what happens behind closed doors, God still heals, restores, and redeems.

This chapter of the *Walls* story, like the two that came before, centers around Mother Mabel Blackstone and her husband Pastor Kingsley, a couple whose life is grounded in faith. It all began over 50 years ago, when Mother Mabel lost her fiancé just before their wedding day. Always a champion for Christ, she decided even then to continue the work they had dedicated their young lives to strengthening their community and serving God's people.

After a year of admiring her from afar, Deacon Kingsley, now Pastor, asked for her hand in marriage, and together they have continued the work Mother Mabel started.

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In their church home, Truth Not Tradition Church, the couple continues to serve faithfully. Mother Mabel still holds prayer meetings with the young women in her life, encouraging them with prayer, God's Word, wisdom, and, when needed, a little bit of fussing. Pastor Kingsley remains devoted to his *Man Up* ministry, mentoring men in the community to live as men of God.

The doorbell is always ringing (and the phone too), but Mother Mabel is always ready with a slice of her famous Banana Nut "Wall-Nut" Bread and a warm cup of coffee.

Through moments of laughter, powerful original music, and raw emotion, *A Family Affair* invites audiences to reflect on their own families, reminding us that every wall has a story, and that story can become a testimony when God steps in.

Join Mother Mabel, Pastor Kingsley, nephew Brandon, his wife Christine, Stanley, LaTanya, Carol, Gabriella, Rafael, Kevon, and Hazel for only God knows what, as their lives unfold right before your eyes.

Faith, family, and forgiveness collide in this unforgettable production that celebrates the power of prayer and the beauty of grace, showing that even in our challenges, God can make all things new.

#### We Miss You

This evening, we pause to honor the memory of our beloved Jackie Foster, who portrayed a fan-favorite, Thelma Jankins in our previous productions. Jackie's light, laughter, and faith-filled presence left a mark on our cast, crew, and community. Though she is no longer with us, her spirit lives on in every prayer, every song, and every story told on this stage. Tonight, we dedicate this performance to her memory. We love you, Jackie. You are forever with us, and we will always honor you at every show and performance we do.



Jacqueline Jackson-Foster
AKA Thelma Jankins

Forever, Your Walls Family!

# **Special Guest and Special Thanks**

A huge thank you to our brother, friend and The Bay Area's own, Hilarious Comedian, J-Red opening the night for us. We can't thank you enough for sharing your gift of comedy with all of us. We are truly grateful!



J-Red

**Walls Family Crew** 

**Our Volunteers** 

DreLovesGod Taylor Lafayette

Music Director Wardrobe Assistant

Don "Dusty" Phelps Janese Bodin

Co-Director "The Boss" Wardrobe Assistant

Set Design/Build Pastor True Lafayette

Sean Swanick Wardrobe Assistant

Set Decorator Dr. Theresa Dixon

Ceola J. Hospitality

Pastor Tony Onadele

Hospitality



Mrs. Mary Dixon as Mother Mable Blackstone, is still hailed as the most elegant, eloquent spoken woman of God and the most loved and admired in her community. She is the ideal, Proverb 31 woman; wise, poised, and well respected by her everyone.



Don "Dusty" Phelps as Pastor Kingsley, is the Pastor many wishes they had. He's known as a walking epistle and lives his life to the letter. He is funny, yet stern, loves to play jokes and laugh with everyone. He's known as the ROCK in their community.



Aisha Wright as Christine Baker-Johnson, AKA Ms. Pray About Everything, is a soft-spoken sweetheart, powerful prayer warrior who knows her word, and worth, with just enough sass to let you know, she's not the one and will quickly grab her bat!



Pastor Phillip G. Ellenberg as Brandon Baker, Mother Mabel's nephew, she raised when his parents passed. After struggles early in life, he gave his life Christ at 16, committed to celibacy until marrying Christine, 22-years later. He is a disciplined & loyal man of faith.



Jesse Tate as Stanley Lewis, is an old-soul, wise, highly educated, and a high IQ. Many think he missed his calling as a comedian; he is incredible funny, loveable and has his own unique way with the scriptures. But his love for God is undeniable.



Amber Griffin as LaTanya Moore, is as real as they come, and unfiltered. Underneath what appears to be a hard exterior is a soft heart, intelligent, kind spirit and a person always willing to help. Many say LaTanya missed her comedic calling, too. She is funny, and sassy and she loves the Lord.



Justin Cloud as Hazel Richardson, is Mother Mabel's bestie. She is strict about the Word, outspoken, funny, quick to say whatever comes to mind. She is protective, down-to-earth with a sharp wit, a tender heart, and has no patience for disrespect.



Meilanny Haney (January the Singer), as Carol Collins, is a smart and savvy business owner. Although Carol has seen some rough times, she has overcome! She is strong, courageous, and unrelenting a fighter who exudes resilience and perseverance!



Malachi Wesley, as Kevon Miles, is a shy 15-year-old talented young man Pastor Kingsley is mentoring. At a crossroad and unsure of his career path. Kevon has an opportunity pursue what he loves; singing, and Pastor, an aspiring superstar is there to help Kevon for his performance at the annual "Man Up event." TM



Deidra Jackson as Gabriella Morales, is a fiery, fun-loving and full of charisma. Her spirit lights up every room she enters. She is bold, adventurous, and unpredictable all in one. Beneath her full-of-life persona, old scars hint at past battles, shaping her into a woman of depth, compassion, and devotion.



DrelovesGod, as Rafael Morales, aka Rafi, free-spirited, low-key, level-headed, and wanna be, drama-free! Raised to be a family man, a role he prides himself in. He is a focused, determined visionary and leader.



Ceola J., as Sis Tracy Gregory, is a journalist focused on community. She is servant at heart, mission-focused, justice-seeking, and people-centered, almost to a fault. Mother Mabel has helped her to find work-life balance!

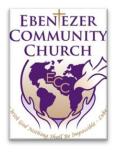
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## Thank You for Joining Us

From the cast and crew of "If These Walls Could Talk: A Family Affair," we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your presence and support tonight.

Producing this play has been a labor of love, bathed in prayer, filled with laughter and standing on faith. Every story, every song, and every scene is a reflection of God's power to heal, restore, and bring families together.

Your attendance means more than you know. Each ticket, share, and word of encouragement helps us continue creating spaces where faith and the arts collide to inspire hope and encourage relationship with the One and Only True Living God.

May tonight remind you that no matter what walls life has built around you, God can still break through and restore what was broken.

With heartfelt thanks, Ceola J. Writer - Producer - Co-Director

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