

## **Biography**

## **Elder Deborah Williams**

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 path. Proverbs 3:5-6

Elder Deborah Williams was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York; she is the third of five children born to Bishop Nathaniel and Lady Rosie L. Edwards.

Being raised up in church from a child, she knew there was no way of escape other than to accept the will of the Lord for her life. At the early age of 16, Elder Williams accepted the Lord to be her Savior in the summer of July 1979, under the leadership of the Late Apostle Johnnie Washington.

After serving faithfully in this ministry for ten years she and her family relocated to Salisbury, Maryland to work in ministry at the Salisbury Tabernacle of Prayer. Elder Williams was ordained a Minister in 1996, and then ordained an Elder in 1999, under the leadership of her parents, Bishop Nathaniel Edwards, Sr., Presiding Prelate and Pastor Rosie L. Edwards.

God has entrusted Elder Williams with many gifts in ministry, which she uses, and serves doing whatever her hands finds to do. She has served in many capacities of ministry such as Choir Directress; Radio and Church Announcer, Usher, and Youth Pastor. She currently serves faithfully as a member of the Ministerial Staff; Worship & Praise Leader, Executive Church Administrator, Financial Trustee, and the coordinator for the Women's Ministry. Of all the gifts, that God has blessed Elder Williams with; obedience to God's word is her priority above all things.

Elder Williams is anointed to preach and sing the Gospel of Jesus Christ for such a time as this. The word of God that is placed in her mouth changes lives every time she ministers. She relishes in every opportunity to minister to people through sermon and music. Her creed is, "ONLY WHAT YOU DO FOR CHRIST WILL LAST."

Elder Williams has successfully completed seven courses of bible school training from the Tabernacle Bible Institute and Community Bible Institute in Salisbury, MD. In addition, Elder Williams earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling both from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

She is the wife of Eric G. Williams and has been married for thirty-seven years. She currently resides in Salisbury, Maryland. Together they have two adult children Erica and Brian, daughter-in-law Courtney, and two amazing grandchildren Bryce and Morgan, who she adores.

She is committed to living a faithful and obedient life to God. Her heart's desire is to help someone along the way so her living is not in vain. The scripture says in Proverbs 10:22, "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. She is one that is blessed and delighted to be a child of the King.