



Dr Teresa Hairston

Founder and publisher of Gospel Today Magazine (the world's #1 Christian Lifestyle Magazine) is the most respected Urban Christian lifestyle publication in existence. Its covers have been graced by Steve Harvey, Bishop T. D. Jakes, Denzel Washington and more. Dr. Hairston is the creator of the Gospel Today TV Show (a newsmagazine show which airs weekly on the Word TV network via DirecTV); host of a weekly "Gospel Today" radio update on "The Light" Radio Network; and, founder of The Gospel Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization that hosts an annual "Praise & Worship Conference"—which attracts thousands of pastors, youth, musicians and praise dancers.

In 2005, she launched Gospel Today Entertainment, an independent label which has released two national CD projects. In 2008, Hairston earned her Doctor of Ministry Degree and now travels the globe preaching the Gospel.

She is currently single and lives in Atlanta. Her motto is: "When God gives you a vision, He'll make the provision!"

Rev. Millicent Allen Wess

Reverend Millicent Allen Wess was raised by her mother in the inner city of Cleveland, Ohio. In 1982, she graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. She accepted Christ on August 17, 1981 and accepted the call into the gospel ministry in April 1998. Rev. Dr. Gary V. Simpson of the Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY was her mentor. Rev. Wess entered Princeton Theological Seminary September 1998. While in Seminary she served as a Chaplain Intern at Womanspace, a shelter for battered and abused women and as an Intern at First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens where she worked with Harvest of Hope, the foster care program. Rev. Wess graduated from Seminary in May 2001 receiving the Master of Divinity degree and was awarded the John Alan Swink Prize in Preaching. Rev. Wess was licensed to preach in June 2001 and was ordained through American Baptist Churches USA in November 2003. In May 2005, Rev. Wess received the honor of becoming a Board Certified Chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains. Rev. Wess is also a published author. Her article Bringing Hope and Healing to Grieving Patients with Cancer, is published in the JAOA (The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association) • Vol 107 • No suppl 7 • December 2007 • 41-47. Rev. Wess has been married for 19 years to Reverend Dr. Byron P. Wess. Together they are raising their beautiful daughter, Dyonna Dora Jean. Rev. Wess says, "here Am I Lord, Send Me! I will go! I will do! I will speak! I will surrender! I will obey!"

Celebrate Women's Month Join the Women's Day Choir

Choir Rehearsals

Thursday, July 8	7 p.m.
Saturday, July 17	10 a.m.
Monday, July 19	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 21	7 p.m.
Thursday, July 22	7 p.m.
Saturday, July 24	10 a.m.



Brochure Art by Phyllis Stephens

Artwork on display courtesy of
Sherry Shine, acclaimed NJ Artist

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July 2010 Women's Month "Sisters Breaking Down the Walls"



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What is the Western Wall in Jerusalem?



The Western Wall, known in European languages as the "Wailing Wall," is not a sacred site for Jews only rather the Jewish temple in Jerusalem was and is a place of prayer for all. When King Solomon built the first Temple, he specifically asked God to answer the prayers of non-Jews at the Temple as well, (1-Kings 8:41-43), and the prophet Isaiah refers to it as "a house of prayer for all nations." The Western Wall in Jerusalem is the last remnant of the second Temple and the most sacred site in Judaism.

The temple's wide open plaza faces a high wall of stone. At any hour of the day or night one will find dozens, at times hundreds, of people praying at the wall, their heads bowed against the aged stones worn smooth from centuries of hopes and sorrows. The gamut of deeply felt emotions at the wall is enough to touch anyone.

In the plaza, tables are piled with worn prayer books in many languages, but most people approach the wall and whisper their own words. There is a custom to write down one's prayer on a scrap of paper, fold it up as tiny as possible, and slip it between the cracks in the wall. Every so often the Rabbis in charge of the Wall collect the prayers to make room for more, and bury them.

What is the Prayer Wall of First Baptist Church?

Our Women's Month theme is "Sisters Breaking Down the Walls" and our focus is prayer. We will gather to pray for ourselves, to intercede on behalf of others and place our prayers in the Prayer Wall. Sisters, if we are serious about Breaking Down the Walls that block our spiritual growth, shortchange our relationships and jettison our dreams we must begin with prayer. Prayer will deepen our relationship with God. Through prayer we will be able to discern the Walls that need to be broken and God will strengthen us to do so.

As is done in Jerusalem at the Western Wall, our prayers will be placed in the Prayer Wall. We will collect the prayers and on Women's Day they will be presented to the Prayer Posse who will continue to intercede on our behalf.

"Sisters Breaking Down the Walls"

Sunday, July 4	Women of the Week Recognition "Stories from the Soul" 7, 9, & 11 a.m. Services
Tuesday, July 6 6 a.m.-6 p.m. 12 noon 6 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Day of Prayer and Fasting S-SIG in the Chapel Dinner/Breaking the Fast @FBC (For all Sisters who participate in fast) Prayer Wall Unveiling & Worship
Friday, July 9 7:15 p.m.	Joy Nite - Women only!
Saturday, July 10 10-12 p.m.	Seminar w/Dr. Teresa Hairston "How to Pursue Your Purpose"
Sunday, July 11	Dfree Anniversary
Monday, July 12-16	Summer Renewal
Sunday, July 18	Women of the Week Recognition "Stories from the Soul" 7, 9, & 11 a.m. Services
Tuesday, July 20 6 a.m.-6 p.m. 12 noon 6 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Day of Prayer and Fasting S-SIG in the Chapel Dinner/Breaking the Fast @FBC (For all Sisters who participate in fast) S-SIG* at the Prayer Wall & Worship
Saturday, July 24 5 a.m.	Sunrise S-SIG* Prayer at Colonial Park
Sunday, July 25 9 & 11 a.m.	Women of the Week Recognition "Stories from the Soul" 7, 9, & 11 a.m. Services Guest Preacher, Rev. Millicent Wess Mt. Laurel, NJ
11 a.m.	Introduction & Dedication of Prayer Shawl and Liturgical Dance Ministries

RSVP a must!

*S-SIG – Sisters Standing in the Gap



What the Bible says about Prayer:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every-thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:6-7 - ESV)

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (John 15:7 - NRSV)

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers...
(1 Peters 3:12 KJV)



Before they call out, I'll answer. Before they've finished speaking, I'll have heard.
(Isaiah 65:24 - The Message)

Pray without ceasing
(I Thessalonians 5:17 - KJV)