

OUR FIRST LADY



FIRST LADY ANITA PATTERSON WAMBLE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A TEACHER, BUT HER MOTHER TOLD HER TEACHING WAS “BENEATH HER.” SO SHE WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY TO EARN A DEGREE IN PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO BE TO DEVELOP A CHEMICAL COMPOUND SO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD COULD HAVE CLEAN WATER. HOWEVER, GOD HAD ANOTHER PLAN.

DESPITE FIRST LADY ANITA’S ACADEMIC PURSUITS, THE HUNGER TO TEACH NEVER SUBSIDED. IN 1994, SHE ACCEPTED HER CALL TO THE MINISTRY. OVER THE PAST 19 YEARS, SHE HAS TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL, LED EDUCATION MINISTRIES AT VARIOUS CHURCHES, PREACHED TO HUNDREDS IN DC, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA, AND LED NUMEROUS WORKSHOPS. HER MINISTRY IS NOT A SURPRISE CONSIDERING SHE HAILS FROM A FAMILY THAT HAS 23 ACTIVE MINISTERS IN VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS RANGING IN OFFICES FROM LOCAL PASTORS TO BISHOPS.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE OAKLAND, CA NATIVE GOT FRUSTRATED SEEING PEOPLE STRUGGLE WITH SIMPLE ISSUES OF EVERYDAY LIFE. THEY STRUGGLED NOT BECAUSE THEY DID NOT BELIEVE IN THE WORD OF GOD, BUT BECAUSE THEY DIDN’T KNOW HOW TO APPLY IT TO THEIR LIVES. IN 1999 FIRST LADY ANITA BEGAN WRITING “IT’S STILL RELATIVE – THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY’S WORLD.” “IT’S STILL RELATIVE” WAS WRITTEN FOR EVERY PERSON WHO HAS EVER READ THE BIBLE AND WALKED AWAY SAYING, “I DON’T GET IT.” THE BOOK WAS PUBLISHED IN 2005 AND IS AVAILABLE THROUGH AMAZON.

FIRST LADY ANITA HAS BEEN MARRIED TO PASTOR MARVIN WAMBLE FOR 30 YEARS AND THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN, JULIAN AND JENISE WAMBLE, WHO ARE THE JOY OF THEIR LIVES. FOR OVER 10 YEARS FIRST LADY ANITA SERVED AS A CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT AND NOW SERVES THE LUSBY CHARGE AS A CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER (CLM).

FIRST LADY ANITA HAS NOT ABANDONED HER SEARCH FOR A WATER PURIFICATION COMPOUND. SHE CONTINUES TO TEACH ABOUT THE PURITY OF THE LIVING WATER – JESUS CHRIST.

HER FAVORITE SCRIPTURE IS EPHESIANS 4:11 – 13: “IT WAS HE WHO GAVE SOME TO BE APOSTLES, SOME TO BE PROPHETS, SOME TO BE EVANGELISTS, AND SOME TO BE PASTORS AND TEACHERS, TO PREPARE GOD’S PEOPLE FOR WORKS OF SERVICE, SO THAT THE BODY OF CHRIST MAY BE BUILT UP UNTIL WE ALL REACH UNITY IN THE FAITH AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD AND BECOME MATURE, ATTAINING TO THE WHOLE MEASURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST.”