

First Lady Melva Moore



First Lady Melva Moore is a native of Norfolk, Virginia. She is the daughter of the late Melvin and Virginia Hart. She is married to Ralph Quincy Moore, Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church. To their union of more than twenty three years, they have four children Erika, Nicole, Darius and Angel and they also celebrate one beautiful grandson Corban.

At age six she was baptized by Rev. Dennis Haughton at Bethlehem Baptist Church. It wasn't until one night at a revival where she actually professed her faith in God and knew what loving God was all about. While at Bethlehem, she served with the Young Ushers, the Youth Choir, the L.P. Watson Gospel Choir, the Deaconess Ministry, the Maggie Walker Missionary Circle and the Church School. As she grew in grace and knowledge of God, she started teaching the Teen Sunday School Class. She is currently a teacher in the Women's Sunday School class. She is also an active teacher for the church's Vacation Bible School. She is the Leader of the Women's Ministry and one of her passions is the "Women's One Hour of Power" service that she enjoys planning and her dedication is pivotal to its success.

During her formative years she graduated from Granby High School as well as Norview Junior High School in Norfolk. She currently attends Old Dominion University seeking a Bachelor's degree in Psychology where she is also a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success organization.

Melva has only been the First Lady of Bethlehem since May, 2009 when her husband accepted the call to become the pastor of this great branch of Zion. They have faithfully served for a little over five years and as a result, the church has grown tremendously. She is honored and proud to become the First Lady of her home church.

First Lady Melva is a strong example of a virtuous woman (Proverbs 31: 10~31). God has uniquely equipped her with tremendous gifts of service, care and hospitality. She is very much supportive of her husband, and the essential help she provides enables him to serve Christ and pastor His people. She works alongside Pastor Moore and is in constant prayer for his guidance from the Holy Spirit. Her steadfast faith in God enables her to cope with all of the unexpected things that come into her life and to accept the interruptions as opportunities to serve. She cares deeply about the hurts of others. Her greatest desire is that the people of God would be able to make an incredible impact in the building of God's Kingdom.

Her favorite scripture is from Colossians 3:23, "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." (NLT), because she concludes that ultimately only what you do for CHRIST WILL LAST.