



Biographical Sketch of *PASTOR MICHELE IRBY JOHNSON*

Pastor Michele Irby Johnson is a native of Maryland and is a much sought-after vessel who serves the Kingdom of God through her unique preaching and teaching ministry that reaches deep into the hearts and souls of those longing for water in a dry place – healing in a hard place – and strength in the wilderness.

In 2002, Pastor Irby Johnson founded Living By Grace Ministries which is an outreach component that seeks to minister salvation, healing and deliverance to those whose lives have been woven in pain, rejection, and abuse. Living By Grace Ministries (LBG) focuses on the truth that the grace of God has the power to restore, the fortitude to rebuild, and the compassion to mend the broken lives of those who are willing to surrender their imperfections, their faults, failures, and frailties to a God of love, a God Who longs to embrace them and make them whole in Him. As a survivor and an advocate against Domestic Violence, Pastor Irby Johnson penned her first literary work entitled *Love's TKO: A Testimony of Abuse, Victory and Healing*, which shares her experiences as a victim of a love gone bad through domestic violence. To continue her love for writing and reaching others through this gift, Pastor Irby Johnson has penned her second literary work entitled *Grace For Your Journey: Sermons of Survival in the Wilderness*. She is also a Co-Author of the Amazon #1 Best Seller *Women Inspiring Nations Volume 3: I'm Still Standing*. She is also the visionary for three anthology projects entitled *In Recovery: Rising from the Ruins, Boots and Beyond: Stories of Trials, Tragedy, Triumph, and Transition*, and *My Bald Is Beautiful: I Am Not My Hair* with more future projects to follow. To see all current or future publications, visit www.onekingdompublishing.com.

Pastor Irby Johnson was educated in the Maryland Public School System and holds five degrees: Master of Arts in Counseling (Crisis Response and Trauma); Master of Arts in Human Resource Development; a Bachelor of Science in the field of Human Resource Management; as well as two Associates Degrees from the Community College of the Air Force: One in Education and Training and the other in Social Services. Pastor Irby Johnson retired from the USAF after 26 years of

combined dedicated military service with the 113th DC Air National Guard at Andrews Air Force Base. She is also a Certified Medical Assistant and Phlebotomist.

Pastor Irby Johnson was trained and nurtured in ministry at the Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church under the leadership of Bishop Alfred A. Owens, Jr. and Co-Pastor Susie C. Owens (1986-2000) and received her first ministerial license in 2003, while serving at a local Mt. Calvary sister church, Christ CornerStone Church, under the leadership of Pastor Paulette L. Scott (2000 – 2005). She is also a 1991 graduate of Calvary Bible Institute. After transitioning into the role and responsibility of Evangelist in 2005, she was ordained as a Pastor in the summer of 2007 while serving as Assistant Pastor at a local para-ministry of Kingdom Connected Ministry Organization before relocating to North Carolina to Pastor a grassroots church near the Charlotte region for several years.

Pastor Irby Johnson has been blessed to found and lead Kingdom Covenant Bible Institute, which is rooted in the founder's vision to ensure that the Body of Christ is equipped and ready to fulfill the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:19-20 *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* Although short lived, Kingdom Covenant Bible Institute (KCBI) was birthed with the expressed purpose to Train and Teach Disciples through a variety of Bible-centered learning opportunities. Standing on the command found in II Timothy 2:15 *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth"* (KJV), Pastor Michele seeks to provide individuals with the spiritual tools to become sound in the Word of God, that is to be applied to their daily lives and shared as 'the Good News' to a world that is in desperate need of Jesus Christ. She also served for five years as an Adjunct Faculty member at a local university, that further enhanced her love for shaping and developing the lives of others through her academic efforts.

In April 2020, Pastor Irby Johnson started the Grace Point Radio Broadcast with her husband, Apostle Shaun P. Johnson, Sr. on the DMV Power Gospel Radio Network. This weekly broadcast takes to heart the necessity to spread the Gospel to all the world in hopes of introducing the lost to Jesus Christ, reclaiming the backslider, and to ministering comfort, strength, encouragement, and healing to the brokenhearted. She also has her own YouTube Channel Grace Point TV Official where you can hear the Word of God weekly. She also hosted a weekly virtual Talk Show on Facebook LIVE called Life Matters with Michele. Previous shows can be seen on YouTube at Life Matters with Michele TV Official.

Pastor Irby Johnson has been privy to serve in the Lord's church in many capacities, and every assignment has proven provident to her place in ministry. Her ministry serves surrounding regions through preaching, teaching workshops and seminars on Domestic Violence to such groups as educators, medical personnel, clergy, women's ministries, and youth alike. Pastor Irby Johnson's ministry has also taken her to such areas as Maryland, Washington, DC, Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, Texas, Guam, Southwest Asia, and Africa.

During her tenure serving in the field in Southwest Asia, Pastor Irby Johnson was a committed servant to the Wounded Warriors Program, which served those who were in recovery from injuries or those awaiting surgery while serving overseas. Her love for those who are hurting, discouraged, and in need of comfort was also extended to those under her care as she served as the Interim Pastor for the Victory Chapel Gospel Service for several months. During her pastorate, she counseled, taught Bible study, trained leaders, and ministered to over 130 individuals who were left to her spiritual care.

Pastor Irby Johnson is an international speaker, trainer, and coach. To learn more about her many ventures, visit her website www.iam-mij.com. She is also an entrepreneur running her own virtual assistant business, Optimum Professional Virtual Solutions. To learn more, visit www.optimumpvs.com.

Pastor Irby Johnson is married to Apostle Dr. Shaun P. Johnson, Sr. and together they have three sons, Jordan Irby, Shaun Jr., Matthew, one daughter, LaShaun and one grandson, Cameron. She has a great burden for souls, and she firmly believes that being a soul-winner for Christ is the greatest responsibility in which to uphold... *"He who winneth souls is wise."* (Proverbs 11:30b)

Degrees

- Master of Arts – Human Services Counseling – Crisis Response and Trauma
Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia
- Master of Arts – Human Resource Development
Bowie State University, Bowie, Maryland
- Bachelor of Arts – Human Resources Management
University of Maryland University College, College Park, Maryland
- Associates Degree, Social Services

Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

- Associates Degree, Education & Training
Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- Certified Medical Assistant
TESST College, Beltsville, Maryland
American Medical Technology

Pastoral Service

- Victory Chapel (Southwest Asia), Interim Pastor (2010 – 2011)
- LIGHTSIDE Worship Center (North Carolina), Pastor (2007 – 2010)
- Perfecting Word (Maryland), Assistant Pastor (2006 – 2007)

Positions Held

- Praise & Worship Leader/Team Member
- Director of Music & Arts (Praise Team/Choir, Dance, Drama Ministries)
- Director of Missions
- Bible Study/Discipleship Instructor
- New Member/Discipleship Coordinator
- Evangelism & Outreach Coordinator
- Church Administrator

Services

- Preaching/Teaching
- Counseling
- Consulting
- Coaching
- Mentoring
- Training and Development

Military Service Career

- NDI Specialist (12.5 Years)
- Training Manager (4.5 years)
- Chaplain Ministry (9 years)

Courses Written and Taught

- Counseling Women
- Domestic Violence Crisis Counseling
- Domestic Violence 101 / Teen Dating Violence 101
- Discipleship
- Evangelism and Outreach
- Leadership
- Effective Public Speaking
- Spiritual Enrichment Series
- Customer Service with Excellence
- Professional Image at Any Level
- Leadership Essentials
- Estate Planning
- How to be Composed, Remain Unruffled, and Emerge Effective...No Matter What!
- Customized Training

Community Service

- Feeding the Homeless
- Warm Nights
- Prison Ministry
- Evangelism and Outreach
- Speaker for Local Domestic Violence Programs