



Elder Lorraine Stancil-Lawson

~Anointed Psalmist & Preacher of the Gospel~

With a special voice and an even more special anointing, Elder Lorraine Stancil (Lawson's) name rings consistently throughout the length and breadth of this country and abroad. She has been a favorite invited guest for thousands of ministries, conventions, and conferences for more than four decades. Many have been blessed by the unmistakable presence of God each time she takes a platform. Her humble spirit and graciousness have remained unchanged, although she has experienced awesome opportunities that many can only imagine.

She began singing with amazing skill at the age of 4, and received the in-filling of the Holy Spirit at the age of 9. Throughout her teenage and young adult years, her love for the Gospel in song rapidly deepened, as she came to realize that it was necessary to remain true and committed to the ministry of God's music. People from all walks of life have witnessed her passionate delivery of hymns and sacred songs, and come away with renewed spirits and lifted hearts. She has often been told that... 'no one can sing like that unless they have been through some things', to which she can certainly agree. And although her challenges have been many, she has held to the assurance not to be weary in well-doing, for in due season, she would reap if she did not faint.

While she still travels consistently, she has also answered the call to share the Good News through the Spoken Word as well as through song, and the same anointing is unquestionably evident as she effectively proclaims the Holy Writ. She earned a B.A. degree in Religious Education conferred upon her through the RN Jones Ministerial Institute, in Paterson, NJ, and was licensed and ordained through the Bible Way Churches World Wide, Inc. She is currently in preparation stages to receive her Master of Arts in Ministry Leadership with a concentration of Women in Ministry. She has received various citations and awards, with the most recent being the Lifetime Achievement Award for Gospel Music Ministry, from the Vizion Foundation of New Jersey

Elder Lorraine has a passion for ministering to women, but is also involved in helping to bring all souls to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and the freedom of salvation. She is the founder of CHOSEN VESSEL Ministries, which targets the diverse needs of those in and around the community, in hopes of helping them recognize their worthiness, greatness and importance in the Body of Christ and Kingdom Building. Her favorite leisure activities include traveling, reading, watching the Discovery channel, and most of all, shoe shopping. In January of 2005 by God's divine timing, she reconnected with her high school sweetheart after more than 30 years. After patiently seeking God together about their future, and receiving the blessing from their children, they were happily wed on December 28, 2007. They are members of Community Baptist Church of Englewood, under the awesomely anointed leadership of the Reverend Dr. W. Lester Taylor.

She is the proud mother of 2; her handsome son Kevin is a renowned musician, songwriter and producer, whose astounding gifts are featured on hundreds of Gospel music projects of artists from Karen Clark to Hezekiah Walker; and her beautiful daughter Stephanie is a 2007 Temple

University honors graduate, prolific drummer, sign language instructor, entrepreneur and ordained minister. Elder Lawson is also proud 'Gramma' to Nikko Jersan and ShaVon Monet. Her life's motto is... 'I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST THAT STRENGTHENS ME!!'