

A WOMAN OF GRACE, POISE & EXCELLENCE

Ylawnda Peebles is the Co-Pastor of the City of Praise Family Ministries in Landover, Maryland, working with her best friend and husband of 28 years, Senior Pastor Joel R. Peebles, Sr. Together, they are blessed to have four amazing and brilliant children – Joel, Jr., Janay—and her newly wed husband, Thaddeus—Jordan and Jeremiah.

Pastor Ylawnda is an alumna of Bowie State University, where she graduated with high honors, earning the Magna Cum Laude Award. She then earned her Master's Degree in Divinity from Wilbur Henry Waters School of Divinity, a Doctorate of Divinity from Rivers Bible Institute and a Doctorate in Humane Letters from Breakthrough Bible College.

Much of Pastor Ylawnda's outstanding history of service has aimed at elevating the future generations—cultivating the skills of leadership, laying the groundwork for a lifetime of erudition, and encouraging steadfast Christianity. In 2003 she founded Heart to Heart Literacy Program, non-profit charitable organization designed to inspire literacy in school aged children. She also wrote and published a children's book entitled, "God Loves Me Just the Way I Am", which is in its 3rd printing.

Likewise—on the principle that creating new Christians is equal in importance to leading those of extant faith—Pastor Ylawnda has undertaken the spiritual and emotional nourishment of tens of thousands through her outreach. She wrote a motivational and inspiring book entitled, "Intrepid Hope," along with a companion journal entitled, "HOPE." She assists hundreds of women on their journey to health and wholeness through her efforts with her Transformation Squad, Kingdom Queen Organization, and the YP Rise Up Gratitude Journey, a live show on Facebook. Ylawnda co-hosts many ministry affairs such as the, "Marry Me Again Experience" Marriage Events, "Touching the Hearts of People" telecast aired on the Impact Network, the Word of the Day aired on both Praise 104.1 and 105.1 WAVA stations in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area.

Never content to cease promulgating the Gospel, Pastor Ylawnda is honored to bring a Christian perspective to her service on the Bowie State University Board of Visitors & Spiritual ADHOC Group, Advisory Board for the Boris L. Henson Foundation, that provides opportunities and resources for those impacted by mental illness and on the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce.

Ylawnda was humbled and honored to receive the Coretta Scott King Award from the Prince George's Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Catalyst of the Year Award from the Prince George's Chapter of Jack & Jill, Top Walk Team/Top Walker Fundraiser from NAMI Maryland, and Top Ten First Ladies from Praise 104.1.

Ylawnda is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, where she was grateful to receive, "New Soror of the Year in 2018. She is also a Member of the Continentals, where she is honored to serve children and families in penurious communities. She is also a member of The Society, where the focus is helping children in the arts.

"An empty life only focuses on personal achievement. True happiness is trusting in God, loving your family and making a substantial impact on one's community." – Ylawnda Peebles