



Elder Gail Roberts-House

Gail Roberts-House is a native of Chicago, IL and the only child of Letha Roberts Walker and the late James Henry Roberts. She shared 36 years in a wonderful and blessed marriage with the late Bishop Arthur L. House, Jr., the founding pastor of the Open Door Full Gospel Baptist Church in Hampton, VA and the original Bishop of Home Missions in the Full Gospel Church Fellowship, International. She and Bishop were blessed to be the proud parents of one son, Christopher Trammell House, who holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Hampton University, and serves as the Minister of Music of Open Door Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship.

God has blessed Elder House with many opportunities to excel educationally. She holds a dual undergraduate degree in ***Elementary Education and Psychology*** from The National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois, several graduate degrees including a ***Masters in Education in Special Education*** from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey; ***Master of Arts in Computer Education***; ***Master of Arts in Elementary Counseling***, both from Hampton University, Hampton VA, and a ***Certificate of Advanced Studies in Supervision and Administration*** from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA. On Sunday, November 14, 2004 she received ***an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity*** from St. Thomas Christian College.

Elder House accepted her call to the ministry on April 18, 1997 and received her license on June 29, 1997. She was ordained on August 31, 2003 at Open Door Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship and has served in the capacity of Co-Pastor and Church Administrator as well as the Superintendent of the Church School. Her talents have also been shared with the Youth Ministry, Fellowship Choir, Women's Ministry and Intercessory Prayer Ministry. She also serves as the Tidewater District Daughters of the Promise (DOP) liaison and actively participates in the Virginia State and International Full Gospel Fellowship Daughters of the Promise Women's Division.

She was blessed to retired from the Hampton City School Division in June 2009 after serving thirty years. Her initial seven years were completed in New Jersey. Throughout her 37 years in education, she taught children with learning disabilities in the states of New Jersey and Virginia at the elementary and middle school levels, and served as an Elementary Guidance Counselor, Elementary Assistant Principal and Elementary Principal. She is the recipient of many honors, awards and citations for her expertise in both areas receiving recognition as ***“TEACHER OF THE YEAR”*** in both states and the ***“VIRGINIA COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR”*** in 1996. On Nov. 9, 2006 at the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals (VAESP) Conference in Hot Springs, VA, she was one of the twelve ***'2006 School Bell Award'*** recipients. This award is given to principals who have made ***significant contributions*** to their school and community. Her most recent award was received at Hampton University on April 25, 2009 where she was recognized among nine other principals as an ***'Exemplary Educator'*** and was invited to participate in an educational think tank forum with other administrators from throughout the United States.

Dr. Gail Roberts-House enjoys sharing the gifts God has granted her and willingly participates as a workshop facilitator, Women's Day speaker and youth advisor. Her daily walk exemplifies the light of which she represents in word and deed. Today she continues the legacy that began 21 years ago and takes her position as the second pastor of the Open Door Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship. To God be the Glory!