

Pastor Joyce Hines Smith

Pastor Joyce was born in Pelham, Georgia to the late Eugene Hines and Mother Willie Mae Hines, and she is the youngest of 9 children. She has been married to the Rev. Dr. Alexander Smith, Jr. for 38 years and to this union 3 mighty men of God were birth Alexander, Brandon, and Justin. October 12, 1979, on Valdosta State College campus in the student union building 2nd floor her life was changed FOREVER as the Spirit and power of God regenerated her being and gave her life more Abundantly! "I am now saved, sanctified, and satisfied!"

Rev. Joyce Smith has been in ministry over 40 years and presently is an ordained minister of the Church of God serving as pastor for the Portal Church of God. She has served the state in several positions as secretary, program committee, nominating committee, state Women President, Elders Board, and Credentials committee. She has received a Master of Ministry degree in Pastoral Studies from Covington Theological Seminary.

She has received a Bachelor and Master of Education from Georgia Southern and Armstrong Atlantic Universities. For 32 years she was a general and special educator for grades 4-8 which she saw as a ministry and am grateful for the opportunity to positively impact students' lives. Serving as a college supervisor, mentor of new teachers, and club advisors, she had the opportunity to further support students.

In her present time, she enjoys spending time getting away with her Knight in God's Mighty armor and sons, taking care of her 94-year-old mom, sisters' trips, and a day of gospel videos and westerns.

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