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CARETHA CRAWFORD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Dr. Caretha F. Crawford



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From hailing from one of the poorest counties in rural North Carolina to shaking hands in the Oval Office with one of the most charismatic presidents of our time, Dr. Caretha Crawford has emerged as a published author, public speaker, international Bible teacher, pastor, entrepreneur, CAO of a worship school, dance minister and founder of various ministries that encourage, educate, equip and empower men and women around the world. Dr. Crawford is a trailblazer for women in the church and the kingdom of God. She triumphed despite many odds and became the first woman to be licensed, ordained and consecrated to the pastorate by the then 35-year-old Maple Springs Baptist Church of Capitol Heights, Maryland.

Dr. Crawford was educated in the North Carolina school system from the primary grades through a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Winston-Salem State University. After teaching public school kindergarten in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, for eight years, Dr. Crawford's entrepreneurial spirit began to sprout. While living in Lithonia, Georgia, she began designing and making educational children's clothing under the label *Caretha's Kinder Creations*, which was sold and exhibited as far as Paris, France, and Puerto Rico through high-end stores such as Bloomingdales.

After eight years of using her creative abilities in the children's wear industry, God said, lay it all down and get in school. It was then that Dr. Crawford started her journey toward a Master's degree in Biblical Studies, a Master's degree in Divinity and a Doctorate degree in Ministry at the Maple Springs Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Capitol Heights, Maryland. After graduating with honors, Dr. Crawford became an associate professor at the school where she taught Bible and Theology for nearly seven years. After a season of teaching on a Bible college and seminary level, Dr. Crawford was called by God to plant a church, *The Gateway to Wholeness Church Ministries*. As an extension of the church, *In Pursuit of His Presence Worship Arts Ministries* was established for those seeking to pursue the presence of God through the arts. The ministry headquarters is in Largo, Maryland, with satellites in Jacksonville, North Carolina, and Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Dr. Crawford also educates, motivates and empowers the Christian community through her published works, *Dance, God's Gift to You* and *Hold On To Your Dream*. *CarethaTV*, an internet television channel, was established by Dr. Crawford to help individuals live a victorious life by using the wisdom tools that God has provided. She also designs and produces handmade greeting cards under the label *Kingdom Greetings 4U* that inspire and celebrate life's milestones. Additionally, Dr. Crawford established *The School of Pastoral Nurture* to provide spiritual health for pastors and leaders in the body of Christ.

Dr. Crawford has inspired and challenged many through her powerful and vivacious style of teaching, speaking and preaching throughout the United States and abroad, including London, England; Sierra Leone, West Africa; Johannesburg, South Africa; Braunwald and Zurich, Switzerland.

Dr. Crawford is married to Rev. Clarence Crawford and they have one grown daughter.



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Caretha Crawford Ministries International (CCMI) is dedicated to rebuilding broken lives through personal, professional and leadership development. We seek to educate, empower and encourage a generation of individuals to live the life that God uniquely designed for them. Our mission is accomplished through CCMI's many ministry arms. We are a convener of conferences and offer seminars, workshops, classes and educational resources that strengthen and assist individuals with unearthing and executing their dreams and goals. The ministry is located in Largo, Maryland, but is having an impact on nations with its international reach. The following ministries were established by CCMI to achieve its ministry goals:

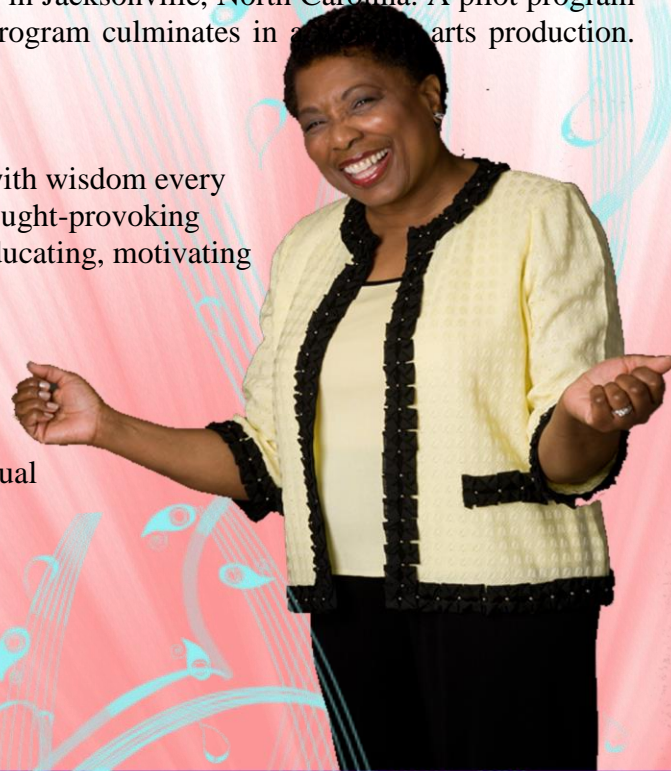
The Gateway to Wholeness Church Ministries, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization. It has existed as a corporation in the state of Maryland since December 1997. The Church and its ministries are non-denominational with a vision to propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, advance the Kingdom of God and be an agent of change and transformation in the world. Though our ministry headquarters is locally based, its outreach is global.

Our mission is "Rebuilding Broken Lives Through the Power of Jesus Christ." The objective of the ministry is to strengthen the Body of Christ by being a gateway to healing, deliverance, restoration, transformation and empowerment. It aims to equip believers for the work of the ministry by providing them with the tools to achieve victorious living in Jesus Christ.

In Pursuit of His Presence Worship Arts Ministries is a Spirit-led ministry that provides biblically-based education and mentorship to a generation of individuals who desire to consistently pursue the presence of God through the arts. At the pulse of the ministry is a constant thirst for the heart of God through the study of the Word, creative expressions of worship—interpretive, prophetic and choreographed dance; mime, pageantry, procession, flags, banners—and praise and worship. The ministry is based in Largo, Maryland, with an extension in Jacksonville, North Carolina. A pilot program has been introduced in Sierra Leone, West Africa. This year-long program culminates in a worship arts production. Participants are sent forth as ministers of the worship arts.

CarethaTV is an outreach ministry via the internet. We believe that with wisdom every person can live a victorious life despite the odds against them. Our thought-provoking teaching and programs will help you have a successful existence by educating, motivating and empowering you to use the wisdom tools God has provided.

The School of Pastoral Nurture is a vehicle for strengthening and encouraging pastors and leaders in the Kingdom of God. It provides spiritual health for the clergy through special tune-up services, individual consultations and empowering events.



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Kingdom Greetings 4U®, a Christ-centered stationery company was birthed from the heart of Dr. Caretha Crawford to address the vacuum that existed in greeting cards for female leadership in the church. However, it offers stationery for both genders with exquisite designs that inspire and celebrate life's milestones. Each product offers an inspirational message, a Bible verse and the exhortation, "God Loves You."

Women Lifting Women Business Network (WLWBN) is a not-for-profit division of Kingdom Greetings 4U®. WLWBN is committed to supporting and strengthening women in the Kingdom of God to become business women of integrity. Our mission is to empower and encourage women to use their gifts, talents and skills to help expand the Kingdom of God through entrepreneurial endeavors and personal development. We pledge to help women:

- Discover and use their God-given gifts, talents and skills
- Develop leadership skills
- Develop healthy self-esteem
- Grow spiritually
- Become knowledgeable about finances
- Build significant relationships
- Develop a winner's attitude
- Think generationally and globally
- Become selfless, think simple and dream big

Through this ministry, we conduct seminars, workshops and authors' expos.

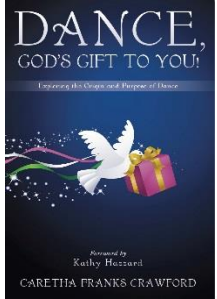
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PUBLISHED BOOKS & ARTICLES

As an award-winning writer, Dr. Crawford won 2nd runner-up in the Xulon Press Christian Writers Contest for September 2014. Her submitted article entitled, "What Is Holding You Back?" won her Xulon's basic publishing package. In addition to articles, Dr. Crawford has published the following literary works:

Dance, God's Gift to You! Exploring the Origin and Purpose of Dance



Published in 2010, *Dance, God's Gift to You*, presents a fresh, clear biblical understanding of how God views the dance, elaborating on how and why dance should be used in the worship experience. This book will answer many questions and help open the eyes of your understanding to:

- The origin and purpose of the dance
- How dance is used as a powerful weapon against the enemy
- How dance is used to restore and bring order out of chaos
- Why God takes pleasure in the dance
- How to pursue the presence of God through the dance
- The healing qualities of the dance
- What God expects of His ministers of the dance

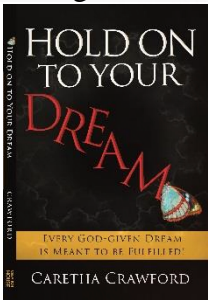
This book is used as one of the textbooks in In Pursuit of His Presence, our worship arts ministry. It is also being used as a required reading resource by many dance ministries across the nation.

Hold on to Your Dream!

Dr. Crawford's second book which was released in 2013, *Hold on to Your Dream*, promises to be a bestseller. This book was written to encourage those who wonder if it is possible to achieve their dreams or if they should give up hope.

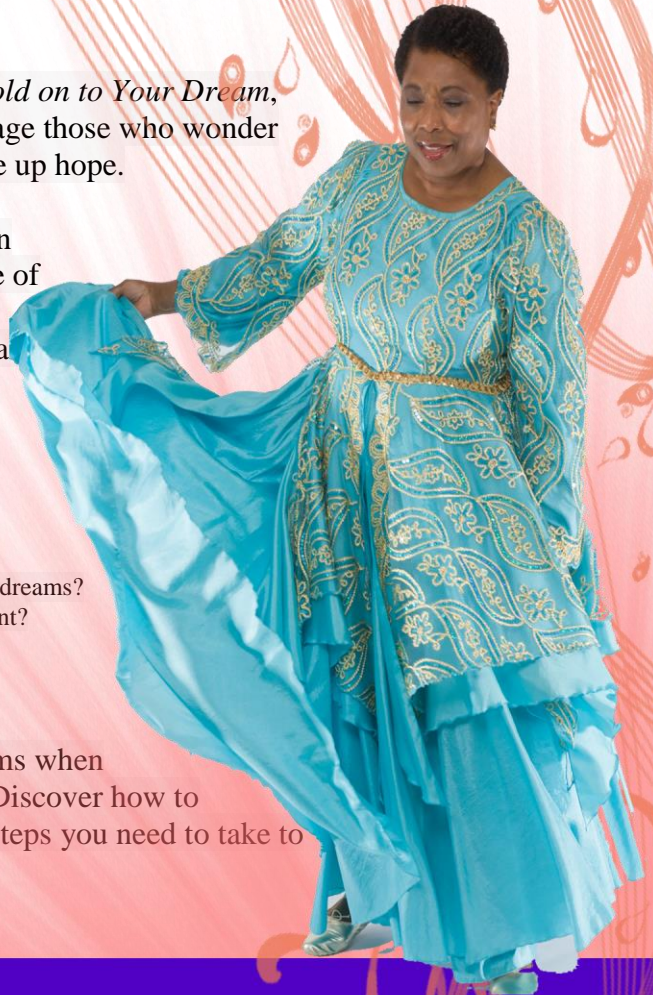
Dr. Crawford inspires and challenges readers to think from God's perspective regarding their dreams and guides them on a journey of discovering their dreams or rekindling the flame of a lost passion.

Using biblical principles and citing contemporary and biblical achievers, questions are answered that many have about making their dream a reality:



- Do I have a God-given dream?
- Is my dream achievable?
- How can I avoid the pitfalls on my journey?
- What have others done to successfully achieve their dreams?
- It is too late for me to work towards dream fulfillment?

Unfortunately, many people give up on achieving their dreams when they are faced with what seems to be insurmountable odds. Discover how to recognize and reclaim your God-given dreams and identify steps you need to take to see your destiny fulfilled.



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SPEAKING EVENTS

This is a partial list of churches and ministries where Dr. Crawford ministered the Word. She ministered at many of these churches on numerous occasions.

International

Triumphant Church International - London, England
Practical Living Institute - Braunwald, Switzerland
Thorough Life of Christ Ministries - Sierra Leone, West Africa
My Father's House Christian Fellowship Church, Johannesburg, South Africa

United States

Grace Bible Fellowship of Antioch - Antioch, CA
Women United for His Glory - Philadelphia, PA
Holy Ghost Full Gospel Baptist Church - Detroit, MI
Go Tell It Evangelistic Ministry Worldwide - Detroit, MI
Women on the Master's Business, W.O.M.B - Detroit, MI
Life Changing Word Christian Center - Brooklyn, NY
Covenant Keepers Ministries - Brooklyn, NY
The Pool of Bethesda - Waterbury, CT

North Carolina

The Coalition of Youth Empowerment - Greensboro, NC
True Worshipers Assembly - Charlotte, NC
Myrtle Grove Christian Church - Maysville, NC
Free Will Chapel Free Will Baptist Church - Pollocksville, NC
The Master's Hand Cathedral of Praise - McLeansville, NC

Virginia

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church - Alexandria, VA
Third Baptist Church - Alexandria, VA
Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA
Reveal Dance Ministry & Academy, Stafford, VA
City On The Hill Church - Stafford, VA

Washington, DC

Jeremiah Interdenominational Missionary Church - Washington, DC
St. Paul AME Church - Washington, DC
Southern Baptist Praise and Worship Center - Washington, DC
Greater St. Paul Baptist Church - Washington, DC
Hope For Life Church of Christ - Washington, DC
Resurrection Baptist Church - Washington, DC
The New Macedonia Baptist Church - Washington, DC
St. Paul AME Church - Washington, DC
Gate of Heaven Holy Church - Washington, DC
Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church - Washington, DC



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Zion Baptist Church of Eastland Gardens - Washington, DC
Historic Berean Baptist Church - Washington, DC
Alexander Memorial Baptist Church - Washington, DC
New Bethel Baptist Church - Washington, DC
New Southern Rock Baptist Church (WCBG) - Washington, DC
Isle of Patmos Baptist Church - Washington, DC
Macedonia Baptist Church - Washington, DC
New Dimensions Christian Fellowship - Washington, DC
The New House of Deliverance Missionary Baptist Church - Washington, DC
Petworth United Methodist Church - Washington, DC
Van Buren United Methodist Church - Washington, DC
Trinity Baptist Church - Washington, DC
Jeremiah Interdenominational Missionary Church - Washington, DC
Hope For Life Church of Christ - Washington, DC
Resurrection Baptist Church - Washington, DC
The New Macedonia Baptist Church - Washington, DC
The New House of Deliverance Missionary Baptist Church - Washington, DC
Gate of Heaven Holy Church - Washington, DC
Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church - Washington, DC
Zion Baptist Church of Eastland Gardens - Washington, DC
Historic Berean Baptist Church - Washington, DC
Alexander Memorial Baptist Church - Washington, DC
Gethsemane Baptist Church - Washington, DC
DC General Hospital - Washington, DC
Edgewater Senior Center - Washington, Dc

Maryland

First Baptist Church of Glenarden, MD
Glendale Baptist Church (The Sanctuary) - Capitol Heights, MD
Maple Springs Baptist Church - Capitol Heights, MD
Mt. Ennon Baptist Church - Clinton, MD
Shiloh Baptist Church - Landover, MD
Central Baptist Church of Camp Springs - Camp Springs, MD
Believing In the Power Ministries - Clinton, MD
Gateway Cathedral of Praise - Temple Hills, MD
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church - Lanham, MD
The Church of Restoration - Cheverly, MD
Israel Total Life Ministries - Waldorf, MD
New Birth Christian Church - Suitland, MD
Love Fellowship Church - Clinton - MD
Beyond the Veil Worship Center - Upper Marlboro, MD
New Chapel Baptist Church - Camp Springs, MD
Lanham Church of God - Lanham, MD
Elim Baptist Church - Temple Hills, MD
Apostolic Pentecostal Truth Ministry - Camp Springs, MD
John Wesley-Waterbury UMC - Crownsville, MD
Ephesians New Testament Church of God in Christ - Forestville, MD
Forestville New Redeemer Baptist Church - Forestville, MD
New Jerusalem Baptist Church - Landover, MD

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Faith, Deliverance and Resurrection Baptist Church, Upper Marlboro, MD
Rivers of Joy Bible Fellowship Church - District Heights, MD
New Creations Church and Ministries - Bowie, MD
Association of Full Gospel Women Clergy - Landover Hills, MD
Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church - Mt. Rainer, MD
My Life For His Glory Ministries - Largo, MD
Marlboro Meadows Baptist Church - Upper Marlboro, MD
Le Detroit Baptist Church - Oxon Hill, MD
Zion Baptist Church - Laurel, MD
Family of God Worship Center - La Plata, MD
Tabernacle of Praise Church - Landover Hills, MD
New Hope Baptist Church - Forestville, MD
Grace Amazing Praise Empowerment Ministries - Temple Hills, MD
Diana L. Dunn Ministries - Upper Marlboro, MD
The City of the Lord International Church - Hyattsville, MD
Macedonia Baptist Church - Bryans Road, MD
Obedience Church of God - Baltimore, MD
Baltimore City Jail - Baltimore - MD
The New Shabach Divine Restoration Temple - Suitland, MD
The Ark of New Beginnings Ministries International - Largo, MD
The Gateway to Wholeness Church Ministries - Largo, MD

Ministry In Dance Events

Mt. Ennon Baptist Church, Clinton, MD
His Call Ministries -Throne Zone, Virginia Beach, VA & Richmond, VA
Reveal Dance Ministry & Academy, Stafford, VA:

Rock Church - Stafford, VA	Fredericksburg, VA
Ft. Walden Beach, Florida	Capitol Heights, MD
Richmond, VA	Annapolis, MD
Oxon Hill, MD	

Gateway Cathedral of Praise - Temple Hills, MD
Franks Family Reunion - Columbia, MD
Wooten Family Reunion - Silver Spring, MD
In Pursuit of His Presence Worship Institute - Springdale, MD & Jacksonville, NC
Edwina's Birthday and Retirement Party - Jacksonville, NC
Saint Stephen Baptist Church -Temple Hills, MD
Maple Springs Baptist Church - Capitol Heights, MD
Women United for His Glory - Philadelphia, PA
Freedom Plaza, Washington, DC

Television Interviews

TD Jakes Ministries, Dallas, TX

Print

Washington Post
Prince George's Journal
Kidswear Magazine
Jones County Post
Jacksonville Daily News

On-line Exposure

CarethaTV
CarethaCrawford.com
IPHPWorship.org
Thegateway2wholeness.org
Holdontoyourdream.org
Kingdomgreetings4u.com

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Dr. Crawford has served as the host at numerous events, including:

In Pursuit of His Presence Productions
In Pursuit of His Presence Annual Worship Conferences
Hold On To Your Dream Seminars
Birthing Your First Book Seminars
Church Anniversary Services and Banquets
The Pool of Bethesda Healing School
Partners In Christ Prayer Breakfasts & Retreats
Spiritual Warfare & Deliverance Conference
Family Conferences
Women Pursuing God Ministries
School of Pastoral Nurture (seminars, retreats & services)
Gateway Women's Retreats

ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations she is a member of:

Academic Council for Educational Accountability with Dr. C. Peter Wagner
ProVoice with Ambassador Suzan Johnson Cook
Maple Springs Baptist Bible College & Seminary Alumni Association
Entrepreneurs & Professionals Network with Theresa & Charles Brown

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What People are Saying About Dr. Caretha Crawford

"Dr. Crawford is a passionate and dedicated teacher. A true gift from God. She inspires greatness in all she instructs. I admire and love her and consider it an honor to know her." M. Denson

"Dr. Crawford is creative and God led. She is always creating new things and seeking new ventures. Dr. Crawford is an awesome woman of God." A. Jones

"Thank you God for sending this angel; thank you Jesus...thank you Lord cause I love this yielded vessel; a.k.a. Apostle Caretha Crawford." D. Cumbo

"Apostle Crawford is one of this countries best kept secrets, a gifted author, anointed teacher, dancer, worship instructor, a very creative gift card and jewelry maker, a motivational speaker, a Proverbs 31 woman to the ump degree, an entrepreneur, an earth shaker, a history maker, a God chaser, and a devil irritator." D. Jones

"You have been my earth angel. You have taught me boldness to be fearless to be a better servant I have learned more from you in 4 months than I have learned in my own church the past 4 years." S. Steven

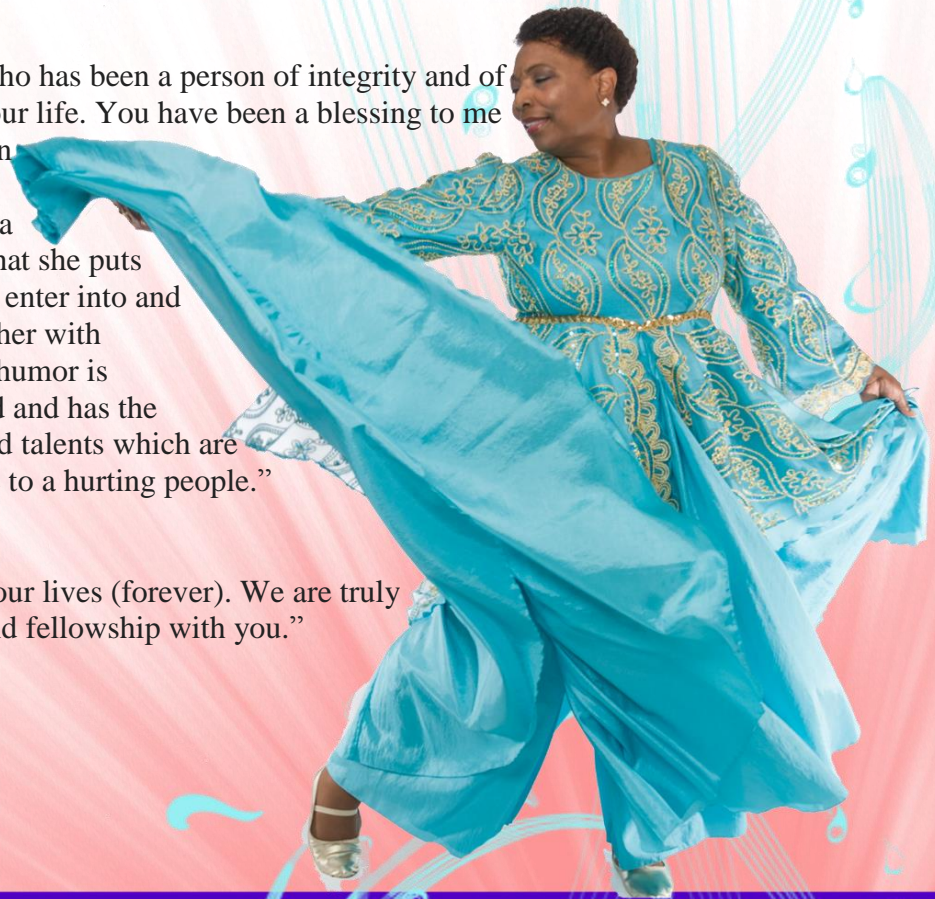
"I am blessed and highly favored to experience you and your ministry. The anointing has touched me each and every time we have come together." E. Harris

"You are an extraordinary woman who has had an extraordinary impact on my life and the ministry God has placed in me." S. Milner

"Apostle, you are an awesome woman of God who has been a person of integrity and of great honor to me. I am truly honored to be in your life. You have been a blessing to me in some wonderful and special ways." H. Pearson

"Dr. Crawford is a godly woman who possesses a true spirit of excellence and commitment in all that she puts her hand to. Her vision is to teach people how to enter into and worship our Lord Jesus Christ and Heavenly Father with abandonment. Her approach is no nonsense, yet humor is displayed at appropriate times. She truly is gifted and has the ability to excavate a person's God-given gifts and talents which are used to bring healing, deliverance, joy and peace to a hurting people." W. Garnett

"We thank God for allowing you to be a part of our lives (forever). We are truly grateful and honored to be able to serve, learn and fellowship with you." N. & M. Slader



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“Apostle Crawford is a woman with power and wisdom. She is a true woman of God with a divine purpose. She truly empowers the people and has a strong desire to continue to build the Kingdom through the knowledge and purpose of “why we dance.” M. Thornton

“Dr. Crawford is a powerful woman of God. She is a person who believes in what she teaches about the Word of God. She is also understanding. Dr. Crawford takes the time to listen to you and answer any question you have.” L. Hines

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