

BRANCHES OF LIFE MINISTRIES



Pastor Sylvester and Lady Wanda Rawlings Branches of Life Ministries

Sylvester Rawlings was born on March 25, 1969 in Washington DC. He is the older of two sons to Elavinia Parker. He is a graduate of Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in Washington, DC. Sylvester is also a veteran of the U.S. Armed Services, serving 5 years in the U.S. Army. Wanda M. Rawlings was born Wanda K. Mathis on March 31, 1965 in Washington, DC. She is the youngest of two daughters to Otis and Liller Mathis. She is a graduate of Anacostia High School in Washington, DC. She also completed her bachelor's degree in Business Administration at American Intercontinental University in Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Sylvester Rawlings accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior on January 3rd, 2011 at 3:53pm. This life changing encounter through the work of the Holy Spirit moved Sylvester to rededicate his life to ministry and pursue his Christian development and relationship with fellow believers by rejoining The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square located in Capitol Heights, MD. Spiritually, Wanda Rawlings has been saved since she was 10 years old. She has been in church most of her life. She loves the Lord, and He is the head of her life.

While attending The Sanctuary, Sylvester was selected by Associate Minister Bobbitt, Director of Men's Ministry, to join the core team as Vice President of the Men's Ministry, coordinating Men Fellowship events and outreach ministry efforts. He also served on the Transportation Ministry and assisted the Missions Ministry with outreach projects, as well as humanitarian efforts locally and nationally. He is a graduate of the Sanctuary School of Ministry and has successfully completed the Fall Bible institute class - Dare to Be a Man in 2011. Sylvester Rawlings, while serving as a partner, and then an ordained minister of the gospel at Faith Tabernacle of Prayer and Praise (FTOPP) located in Capitol Heights, MD, under the leadership of Senior Pastor Kimberly Hayes, had the opportunity to spearhead efforts to empower and edify the Men's Ministry and serve as Elder to the Mighty Disciples Youth Ministry and Elder to the Evangelism Ministry. Wanda, also served at FTOPP as the Treasurer, Sunday School Teacher, Women's Bible Study Director, Trustee and Ministry Liaison. She enjoys teaching God's Word because she believes that is where people get the biblical knowledge to help them with practical life situations.

On December 31, 2013, Sylvester and Wanda were married. They are devoted parents to their 8 adult children and 3 grandchildren. They own and operate several family-owned businesses. In 2014, God blessed them with a vision to birth their own family ministry, (H3, HOPE, HEALING & HELP) to be a blessing to others by providing necessary resources to local shelter homes, churches, and community organizations. Having the same focus, this outreach business has morphed into Intentional Change Outreach Ministry (ICOM), which works closely with several homeless shelters, providing natural necessities and spiritual guidance. In December 2019, God birthed a church ministry through Sylvester Rawlings called Branches of Life Ministries which works to unify and equip disciples of Jesus Christ to spread the good news. Sylvester Rawlings is now the founder and Pastor of Branches of Life Ministries.