

# Sounds of Faith



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*“Happy Mother’s  
Day” to our very  
own First Lady*

*Christine Smallwood*

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Perhaps the most widely-celebrated U.S. Holiday is coming up Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Americans everywhere will observe the time-honored tribute to mothers. While Mother’s Day is not a federal holiday, in 1914, the second Sunday of May was designated as a National Historic Landmark. Yearly, along with the rest of our country, Christendom celebrates our mothers on this very special day.



Whether your mom is alive or transitioned to her new life, it is great to honor your mother in whatever way you choose. Some post meaningful Facebook or Instagram tributes. Others adorn their frocks on Mother’s Day with white or pink carnations to honor their moms. Many families treat their mothers to dinner and buy her generous gifts or drop some cash in her hands. In the Black church, it is traditional to celebrate our First Lady on Mother’s Day and ours is no exception. We are grateful for a First Lady so very deserving of this honor.

**“Lady Chris” is a beautiful role model who is elegant,  
kind-hearted and loving toward others.**

## Bishop's Corner



As we run up to "Mother's Day," it is my great pleasure to extend a huge debt of gratitude to each of our illustrious mothers at Revealing Word Ministries and most especially, Christine Smallwood. I could not be your First Lady. She is a Woman of God, a prayer warrior to be your First Lady. She is a God and others with

no mistake about it, I am eternally grateful for your faithfulness! I know you will continue to pray for her and I know you will always appreciate her for all that she is



my lovely bride, Lady not be any more proud of the extraordinary who is honored true worshipper who serves humility and grace. Make her love and her for Lady Chris and I know to our church and to me.

In last month's issue of our newsletter, I looked forward to Resurrection Sunday, our sharing of the Lord's Supper and the initial incorporation of our newly-appointed Praise and Worship team in our service. Looking back, I want to extend a huge debt of gratitude to the individuals who worked behind the scenes to plan and execute our beautiful communion service. I also want to recognize our anointed worship team, led by Minister Toyajavonne Johnson. In addition, I urge you to show some love to the best bassist in Nashville and beyond, Deacon Winston Hilliard, for his constant sacrifice and devotion to our ministry and to our talented drummer, Brother Lazinte Barnes. The praise leaders and musicians did an outstanding job and their dedication did not go unnoticed.

As we move forward, I encourage you to stay focused on everything that is going on at the church. We are still getting ready for New Members Classes, which will be rolled out to the church as a whole. Like most churches, we lost a lot of ground during the recent pandemic. And, it is important that each member is equipped with everything necessary to enhance their Christian walk. Again, I implore you to keep doing all that you know to do to shore up your walk with God. Lastly, to my own mom, Mother Mary, and to each of you mothers ...



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## **“Woman of the Month”**

At the recent meeting of Women Walking in Excellence (WWE), Sister Miracle Williams was named “Woman of the Month” for May. Miracle was chosen due to her outstanding evangelistic efforts. Recently, many of her family members and friends were saved because of her witness. A beautiful person with a winning personality, Miracle is loved by all who cross her path.



Miracle is part of the growing Young Adult contingent of our church and she is headed to Culinary School in the near future. WWE leader, Minister Cassandra Delk says it is critical that we encourage our young folk and include them in overall activities like the Women’s Ministry. “Importantly,” she added, “each WWE woman will be recognized as “Woman of the Month” at some point in time. It is not a popularity contest, but rather a way to encourage and uplift one another.”

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## **Calendar of Events**

**May 14 – MOTHER’S DAY**

**May 13 – WWE Spa Day — Hendersonville Salt MedSpa**

**May 20 – Kingdom Knights Top Golf Outing**

**May 21 – Kingdom Knights Monthly Meeting**

**May 1-31 – Kingdom Knights Support Clothing Ministry (entire month)**

**May 21 – Women Walking in Excellence (WWE) Monthly Meeting**

**May 28 – WWE Book Club, “Kingdom Woman” by Tony Evans and Chrystal Evans Hurst**

**May 26 - Young Adults Kickback Activity**

**May 29 – MEMORIAL DAY**

**June 3 – Klothing Kloset Monthly Outreach, 10 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.**

## Klothing Kloset Reopens



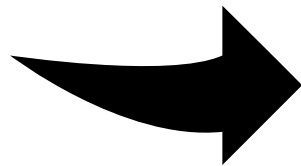
Much to the relief of local needing residents, the RWM Klothing Kloset reopened after years of being shuttered due to the to the crippling effects of the pandemic. Outreach Director, Mira Hilliard said the event was a huge success. Even before the 10 o'clock opening, anxious shoppers lined up to get first choice at the donated goods. The steady stream of individuals and families never let up throughout the four-hour timespan of the event.

Along with volunteers from the Young Adult Ministry and others, Director Hilliard spent hours and hours beforehand to sort, tag and display the gently-used merchandise. "It's important that we keep the donations coming," says Hilliard. "This is a clear example of putting our faith in action. This outreach allows us to bless others so that we, in turn, can be blessed."



From registration to check out, Evangelist Hilliard insured that everyone had a positive experience. Trustee Renee Johnson was assigned to help with the intake process while other volunteers served at different stations. "We must treat our residents with dignity and respect," says Evangelist Mira. "That is critical to the success of our Outreach efforts."

It was all hands on deck, thanks to the many volunteers who showed up to support the ministry, she added. The Klothing Kloset will open again to the public in June and by special appointment by calling the church at (615) 942-9528.



# Minister Johnson, musicians and praise leaders lead worship



## Praying with a Purpose

Each Saturday, we gather for Noonday Prayer and we open each and every service with “Gate Prayer.” Going forward, Bishop Smallwood is instructing us to **PRAY WITH A PURPOSE** 🙏 both individually and during corporate prayer. What does God want you to pray for ... are you willing to wait on **HIS** answers ... are you praying according to **HIS** will and direction?

### Four purposes of prayer

1. Adoration
2. Thanksgiving
3. Repentance
4. Petition

- What are YOUR prayer needs?
- Are you following these principles of prayer?
- Who has God instructed you to pray for?
  - Are you praying for our Pastor?
  - Are you praying for our Elders and other leaders?
  - Are you praying for our church?
  - Are you praying for our country and its leaders?
  - Are you praying for our community?
- Are your family members saved?
- Are you sharing your concerns with others?
  - Call the church hotline (615) 941-9528
  - Place your petitions on our church Facebook page
    - RWM FAMILY
  - Ask one of the elders to pray with you
- Avail yourself of the “altar call”
- Seek the Lord in all things and HE will direct you according to HIS will

Stay tuned here and in weekly Bible Class for more on this essential topic.

