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Saved & Single

“WOMEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE CALLED TO WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY.”

Walking with God

Saved & Single *By: Min. Soundra Simpson*

A few years ago I was invited to be a guest speaker at a Women’s Conference. I was given the topic, “Saved, Single and Satisfied.” Being a single woman, I knew I was more than qualified to speak about the advantages and disadvantages of living a single life.

As I prepared my message, I reflected on those things that brought me absolute joy, like waking up early Saturday morning, doing my chores with blasting music, and dashing off for a day of complete fun by visiting my favorite stores, restaurants and friends.

But on the contrary, there are days, particularly after the death of my mother, where I wished for my own family to celebrate special holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Despite my drastic life changes, I made a conscious effort to effectively live out the words of Apostle Paul as found in our New Testament

reading in First Corinthians 7:1, 7-9, 28, 32-37, where he speaks of the advantages and disadvantages of marriage. Being single allows one the freedom to focus on the work of the Lord without marital distractions and restraints that sometimes come along with being a wife. For those who desire marriage to a godly spouse, certainly this is a good state that is ordained and blessed by the Lord.

With everything that I desire and even for those things that I now have on my plate (work, school, ministry, family, travel, newsletters, conferences and soon TV) living a life devoted to ministry is my desirable alternative at this time.

In the meantime until something changes, I find myself sweetly nestle in one of my favorite scriptures, “The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. Lamentations 3:25



Working



Learning



Playing



Worshipping

FACTS: Single Women & Statistics

There are nearly 93 million unmarried Americans over age 18, representing roughly 42% of the adult population. - U.S. Census Bureau. America’s Families and Living Arrangements: 2008.

Forty-five percent of black women in America have never been married, compared with 23 percent of white women, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey in 2009.





PUTTING YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD (CAREER CORNOR)

Interviewing & Resume Writing & Networking

Interviewing



- 10 Helpful Tips -

- Be on time - arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled interview.
- Speak clearly and professionally. Avoid using slang and poor grammar.
- Remain professional at all times. Avoid getting too relaxed or comfortable.
- Dress professionally.
- Know your resume (Be able to explain gaps in your employment history).
- Provide examples and/or bring copies of performance accomplishments.
- Avoid sharing your personal business (i.e. children, sickness, finances or family problems).
- Let the interviewer know you want the job.
- Smile and be energetic.
- Bring extra copies of your resume.
- Send a Thank You Letter



Resume Writing



- 10 Helpful Tips -

- Use quality linen paper (white or ivory).
- Use Times New Roman or Arial—avoid fancy text writing.
- Use black ink - avoid color.
- Avoid a “wordy” resume, provide the facts...tell what you have done and accomplished.
- Make sure all words are spelled correctly.
- Tailor the resume to mirror the job for which you are applying.
- Add a special section that list your systems knowledge, awards, and/or special skills.
- Include all certifications and/or licenses.
- Ensure your employment dates begin with your most current job and work your way backwards. Limit your resume to 2 pages.
- Make sure your resume flows in a systematic order (i.e. objective, summary, education, employment, skills, licenses, community involvement and/or special interests).

Networking



Over the years the purpose of networking has lost it's effectiveness due to hidden agenda and motives.

The undercurrent of social gatherings seem to adopt the flavor of getting to meet as many people as possible verses developing healthy relationships. We will experience greater satisfaction if we shift our networking goals from numbers and volume to creating quality and healthy relationships. It's time that we move beyond the realm of “you scratch my back; I'll scratch yours.” Relationships, communication and trust are fundamental for moving into this new mindset. Simply exchanging business cards and a handshake will not build communication, trust or productive relationships.

- **Build** - Establish a foundation of appreciation and basic trust.
- **Explore** - Identify each other's interests so you have a list of things to enjoy together.
- **Establish** - Focusing on building a relationship of mutual respect and honesty.
- **Change** - Understand that everyone experiences life changes at some point in time, such changes can change the dynamics of your relationship.
- **Respect** - Give respect to the person that is in your life. Enjoy your time and season.

PATHS CROSSED BRIDGE

Building Relationships, Inspiring and Developing Generational Entrepreneurs



Arena of Faith Christian Worship Center Charlotte, North Carolina

Pastors Michael & Camille Winters

www.arenaoffaith.org

Please Join Paths Crossed in Welcoming Pastor Michael Winters to Charlotte!!!

To know Pastor Michael Winters is to know a leader who is passionate and serious about the things of God. Pastor Winters is known for his zeal and high energy while preaching and teaching the uncompromised Word of God with fire. He is a man of much prayer, love and faith. He respectfully teaches others how to properly place a demand on the Word of God by saying what God has already said about their situation.

Pastor Winters is a leader of great vision and expectations for Arena of Faith Worship Center which he established in March 2006. Pastor Winters, along with his family relocated from Tampa after serving faithfully as a Pastor and Armor Bearer for Pastor Greg Powe of Revealing Truth Ministries.

Pastor Winters and Lady Camille truly have a heart for the people of God. They are recognized for teaching others to walk in a place of love, forgiveness and obedience to the Word of God. They are leaders who regularly inspect what they expect from those who labor alongside them in ministry. Those who walk closely with the man and woman of God are expected to “come up” in the Word of God.

“Arena of Faith will be a church where people will always feel welcome.” From the moment a visitor walks in the door, they are immediately greeted by other church leaders and members. “People come to the House of God because they are hurting and need to know that somebody loves them, said Pastor Winters.”

Pastors Winters mandate is to preach the Word of God so that others will be saved, healed and set-free from bondage. Without question, he is anointed and called to take the gospel of Jesus Christ from “City to City, State to State and Church to Church.” “We are called and assigned to take the gospel to a specific territory.” Most notably, he is a counselor and encourager to Pastors as they lead their individual congregations.

In 1993, he accepted the call of God into ministry, and has continued to preach around the nation. He, along with his wife are graduates of Bethune Cookman College. Pastor Winters is blessed with two children, Michael Jr., and Jakare who labor with them faithfully in ministry.

Please visit www.arenaoffaith.org for meeting location and worship times.



*Pastor Michael Winters
& Lady Camille Winters*

*Preaching the uncompromised
Word of God.*

*“City to City
State to State
Church to Church.”*



Pastor Michael Winters & Family

Saved Single & *HAVING FUN*

By: Min. Soundra Simpson

“A TABLE FOR ONE, PLEASE”

I must admit, one of my favorite past times after a long week at the office is going out for a delicious dinner. It doesn't have to be anything fancy or expensive, just enjoying my favorite foods in a relaxing atmosphere is gratifying enough. Being a southern girl, I must admit, I'm a little heavy on the baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, beans, rice and gravy. I guess this list explains why I'm still working on losing the same 20 pounds from last year.

In addition to enjoying my southern delicacies, there are several other things I do to have fun outside of ministry, school and work. I've learned that doing the simple things in life typically brings much joy and satisfaction.

MONEY WATCH

Simple Ways to Relax & Have Fun

- Plan a girl's night out with dinner and a movie.
- Invite your friends over for a movie and spice up the evening with everyone bringing their favorite dish.
- Light some candles, put on your favorite music and enjoy a bubble bath.
- Visit your local library or favorite bookstore.
- Grab a blanket and your basket for an afternoon picnic.
- Plant some flowers..the after affect will wow you.....I promise!!
- Join your local gym, network and get physically fit.
- Join a professional organization.
- Start a weekend book club.
- Look through old photo albums with family and friends.



- Become a mentor or advocate for a worthy community cause.
- Become a local volunteer-helping someone fulfill their dreams.
- Grab your snacks and go watch the planes land.
- Go biking, fishing, or enjoy sitting by the water.
- Put on your favorite summer dress and go for an evening walk and ice cream! Yes ice cream!!!
- Go see a play, visit your local museums or zoo. The monkeys are bound to make you laugh!

1. Cook at home - eat out maybe once weekly.
2. Buy and make your favorite coffee.
3. Buy in bulk.
4. Consolidate and payoff bills quickly.
5. Know your bank balances and avoid overdraft fees. Pay your bills on time.
6. Check the pantry and make a grocery list before going grocery shopping.
7. Avoid credit cards with annual fees.
8. Plan your trips and/or flights months in advance
9. When making expensive purchases-compare prices.
10. Avoiding vending machine and buy your snacks and drinks.
11. Perform regular scheduled maintenance on your vehicles.
12. Regulate your electricity—unplug and turn off when not in use.
13. Plan your errands by locations to save gas.
14. Avoid buying a brand new vehicle.
15. Carpool or use local transportation.



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THE BOOKMARK

You're All That - Understand God's Design for Your Life
By: *Pastor Paula White*



“There are moments in our lives when we experience crises, distractions, violations, labels, victories, successes, and setbacks. You will probably agree that in this gift we call life, most of the decisive battles are fought within. It is only when you confront yourself, remove the blinders, and deal with the real issues that have produced a “counterfeit” life that you can live the abundant life designed for you by a loving God.”

*What you are willing to confront, God is willing to heal.
What you are willing to change God is willing to grow.
What you are willing to leave behind, God is willing to transform.*

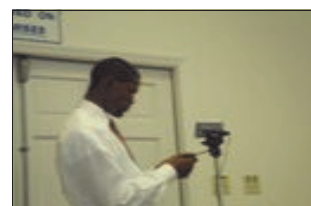
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CHRISTSTOPER WALLS***



Dominating the Court - # 45



Graduating May 2011



Working in Ministry





Paths Crossed Host Second Leadership Conference

“Leaders..... Taking the Gospel from the United States into the Nations.”

Paths Crossed is excited to announce it’s second Leadership Conference that will be held on Saturday, July 24, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The scheduled service time is 12:00 Noon until 5:00 P.M., and will be held at the Woodmen of the World Center which is the same location as last year.

This year’s theme is, “Leader’s, Taking the Gospel from the United States into the Nations.” Three dynamic preachers will speak on the following topics: (1) Taking Prayer into the Nations (2) Taking the Gospel into the Nations and (3) Understanding Kingdom Authority.

This service is an extension and continuation of the first conference that was held in 2009. There is more the LORD has to say with additional instructions given for those who are called to leadership and ministry at home and abroad.

Conference registration is \$20 and will include conference materials and a delicious catered dinner. Space is limited, so please do not wait to register. Conference forms maybe downloaded at www.pathscrossednetwork.org. Providing there are questions, please call Min. Soundra Simpson at 704.392.6887.

We look forward to seeing!

Pastor Vernice Garrison

“Taking Prayer into the Nations”

Turning It Around Ministries

Charlotte, N.C.

Apostle Bettie Ann Clay

“Taking the Word of God into the Nations”

House of Refuge Deliverance Min.
Charlotte, N.C.

Apostle Dr. Ann Jackson

“Understanding Kingdom Authority”

Nehemiah Family Worship Center
Charlotte, N.C.

“Women from all Walks of Life Called to World-wide Ministry.”



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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

If this publication has been a blessing to you, or you if you have a prayer request, please contact Paths Crossed Network Ministries by sending an email or by giving us a call. We would love to hear from you.



Please keep us in prayer as we continue doing the work of the Lord.

Min. Soundra Simpson

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