

Dr. Mary Williams Murray

Dr. Murray is a Wife, Mother, Co-pastor, Minister of the Gospel, School Teacher, Singer, Songwriter, Administrator, Published Author, Leadership Trainer, John Maxwell and Barbara Wainright Certified Professional Master Life Coach. Dr. Murray's *vision* is designed to mentor, train, minister, cultivate awareness, educate, empower, and implement proven strategies to build women, and put into motion professional resources, educational workshops and seminars. In three words, she strives to Train, Collaborate, and Teach.

Dr. Mary has been an effective leader for over 50 years. As a young child age 6 years old growing up in a small neighborhood, she was called upon to teach other children and help them with homework to improve their academic achievements. Not knowing the impact she had on children five, six, and seven years old in her community motivated by her primary teachers, she developed a love for reading and leading.

Originally from Benson North Carolina, she attended the Johnston County Public Schools and graduated from South Johnston High in 1978. Her passion to extend and expand her love for helping others continued as she attended Johnston Technical College and was involved with singing opportunities and talent shows which led her to a special guidance counselor name Dee Williams. It was her knowledge, education, and drive that steered Dr. Mary to further her education and fulfill her love for teaching.

Graduating in the top 10% from her junior college class, Mary moved on and attended Fayetteville State University majoring in education with a minor in music. She was involved in numerous extracurricular activities there such as: Director of the Gospel and Fellowship Choir, Marching Bronco Band, Student Government, just to name a few. She found herself, being instrumental in conducting private voice lessons, and forming groups to sing for various campus wide activities. Her passion for playing the piano strongly grew as she continued to perfect her craft. She graduated from Fayetteville State as a dean's list scholar.

She loved what she was doing so much that she became actively involved in the community and started the *Miss Black Teenage World Pageant for Cumberland County*, to empower young high school girls build their confidence as presenters to the public on and off stage.

As a multi-tasker, Mary continued to educate herself while finding her niche at the same time. Upon graduating from Fayetteville State, she started teaching school. As a school teacher, she discovered her ability to exemplify leadership and flourished more in demand because of her sociability, audacious ability to dialogue and interconnect well with others.

She later married her distinguished gentleman, Larry in 1986 and moved to Europe for 6 years together with her husband while he served in the military. Though living in Germany, she became the Administrator/Director for the Family Childcare Organization, where she managed and supervised over 150 providers. She taught school in Germany for 3 years and returned to the United States to further her love in leadership as a school teacher working for the Department of Defense Schools.

Dr. Mary is accredited for developing and designing a course for the Jacksonville Theological Seminary, entitled: *Effective Communications*. This course is available for students to obtain their Associate, Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. Mary's inventiveness is all-encompassing. She considers herself a lifelong leader where her motto is: ***I Can Help You if You'll Let Me*** combined with her slogan: ***Watch God***. She's a proud mother of three children, one daughter, twin sons, and grandmother to 3 grandsons.

To stay in alliance with her passion and purpose, she has developed organizations that build and develop leaders such as *Standard of Excellence, Inc.*, *Daughter With Integrity*, *MWM Sisters in Ministry*, & *1st Lady's Conference*. As a certified professional master life coach, her goal is to empower, facilitate, inspire, motivate stimulate and provide tools to lead, others to examine where they are now as compared to where they are headed.

Standard of Excellence Inc., afford teenage girls opportunities to strive for excellence through pageantry, eloquent, talent, and evening wear competitions. Her very first pageant brought the local community together as she welcomed, Erica Dunlap, Miss America 2005 to the city which enlightened young ladies on goals, and strategies on how to unpack their future desires and endeavors.

Daughters with Integrity provide mothers and daughters with tools needed to communicate, bond, build and embrace differences from generation to generation.

Church Ministry

- District Missionary & Evangelist (*25 years*) to present (South Central Ga., *Central Georgia*, *Southern Ga. #1* and *Southern Ga. #2*)
- Minister and Elders Wives President
- Local and District Examination license Dean
- Advisory & Executive Board President
- National Church of God in Christ/District Missionary's: Woman of Distinction Award, 1999.
- Choir Directress (*35 years plus*)
- Praise and Worship Team Leader (*30 years plus*)
- Minister of Music (*28 years*)
- Local and District Women's Department Organizer and Trainer
- State Women's Dept. Organizer & Trainer (Southern #1)

Background

- She is a gospel recording artist with two CD's
- She is the author of *Operating in the Will of God & Wisdom Tips*.
- Appeared LIVE for national television taping and recordings.
- Ministerial preaching engagements in foreign countries.
- *2011 Georgia's Vision Award* for **The First Lady of Excellence**.

Educational Accomplishments

Certificate	Harvard Business School
Certificate	eCornell University
Certification	Certified Professional Master Life Coach
PhD	Christian Education & Theology
PhD	Principalship Education Leadership & Supervision
Master's of Science	Curriculum & Instruction
Master's of Science	Education Leadership/ Principalship
Bachelor's of Science	Education/ Fayetteville State University