

BIOGRAPHY OF GLORIA ANN BROOKS

GLORIA ANN BROOKS is, first and foremost, a woman of God. Through her ministry of music, Brooks considers ministering healing to the sick, deliverance to the captives, and encouragement to the saints to be her primary mission in life.



Brooks is a native of the state of Florida. She attended Stetson University in DeLand, Florida where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Music. She then completed a Master's Degree from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

After deciding to remain in the Rochester area, Brooks became a substitute teacher where she served for more than six years in the Rochester City School District. She then decided to become a full - time employee for the district and was offered a position as an accompanist. During that time, Brooks began a Gospel Choir at Franklin High School. The choir traveled extensively, performing at schools throughout Monroe County, including at the State Capitol in Albany, N.Y. where they performed for state officials and representatives.

Brooks served six years as an accompanist for the Rochester city School District but was encouraged by several music colleagues to enter into a Teacher Certification program. After completing the certification program, she was hired by the District as a full – time music teacher. Her first year was spent at Frederick Douglass Middle School, where she also served as the choir director.

Ms. Brooks has served as both a musician and a choir director for a number of churches in the Rochester Community, including:

- Full Gospel Tabernacle (serving under Rev. Ira White)
- Friendship Baptist Church (now known as “Faith, Hope & Charity”, serving under Bishop John Crocker)
- United Methodist Church of the Resurrection (serving under Rev. John Pouncy)
- Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church (serving under Rev. Errol E. Hunt))
- Grace United Methodist Church (serving under Pastor George Nicholas)
- Immaculate Conception Church (where she currently serves, since March 2012, as Music Director)
- Joint Heirs Kingdom Ministries (her home church, serving under Pastor Darryl Carter)

While serving at Memorial A.M.E. Zion, Brooks and the Memorial A.M.E. Zion Adult Choir were honored & privileged to perform for former First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at Seneca Falls for the 150th Celebration of Women's Rights, an event which later aired on nationwide television. This event was also broadcast “live” around the Western New York District. Shortly afterwards, Brooks and the Memorial A.M.E. Zion Adult Choir traveled to Washington D.C. to perform at the White House.

Brooks has been Music Teacher at Dr. Freddie Thomas High School in Rochester, New York for the past 15 years and was also the school's choral director. Her choirs throughout the years have competed at numerous music festivals and have always returned home as "winners". Before becoming a high school, Dr. Freddie Thomas School had the largest middle school chorus in the city of Rochester.

In addition to the student choir at Dr. Freddie Thomas, Brooks also organized a group of teachers, secretaries, paraprofessionals, sentries, nurses, parents, police officers and custodians to become the Adult Ensemble. This group performed at the Title D.A.C.T. conference, receiving an award for services rendered.

Brooks also served as gospel choir director at the School of Imaging & Information Technology at Edison High School.

Brooks offers private piano instruction to students of all ages in the Rochester Community. She has been very successful in training students to become both professional and church musicians.

Brooks has received numerous honors and awards. She was selected to receive the South Lake Black Achiever's Award in Leesburg, Florida. She also has been honored by Rochester's distinguished Links society, receiving the White Rose Friendship Community Service Award.

In 2010, Brooks accepted her calling into the Ministry of Evangelism. She was licensed and ordained as an evangelist on February 20, 2011 by her Pastor, Darryl Carter.

Brooks gives God all the glory for her many accomplishments and believes God will continue to do even greater things in and through her life. The following excerpt comes from her favorite scripture Romans 4:17 "... [God] calleth those things which [are] not as though they were."