

## **BIOGRAPHY OF EXHORTER TAMALA SAPPINGTON**

Tamala Sappington is one of three officially licensed Exhorters of Ebenezer AME Church Brunswick. She has served in this role for many years, and with great enthusiasm and commitment has helped to ensure that the Good News of Jesus the Christ has not gone unreported or unheard.

A lifelong resident of the Brunswick, Maryland community, Sister Tamala is a graduate of Brunswick High School, and holder of a training certificate for her completion of an enriched program of Spiritual Studies at the Brunswick Satellite of Maple Springs Bible College and Seminary. Sister Sappington is one of the busiest and most committed members of Ebenezer. She has been given the gift of ardent praise and worship and readily utilizes this gift to speak to the hearts and spirits of those blessed to be in communion with her. She leads the Sunday morning Praise and Worship team. She is president and a soloist of Ebenezer's Senior Choir, a member of the Steward Board, a substitute teacher for the pre-school Church School class, and previously served on the Church Finance Committee. Sister Tamala, in addition, serves as a member of the Church's key Strategic Planning Committee.

Exhorter Sappington is a regular attendee at Tuesday night Bible Study, whose spiritual insights are always highly sought after. Given such an extraordinary commitment to the Lord and her church, one might surmise that she would have little time for much else. However, in her secular life, since 1993, Exhorter Sappington has been a full time Quality Analyst for Wells Fargo. She is the wife and helpmate of David Sappington and the mother of one son, Marcus. She has two step daughters, Falyne and Katelyn, and is grandmother of two.

Exhorter Sappington comes from quite a spiritually anointed family. Her mother, Rev. Kaye Coates is Ebenezer's Associate Pastor. Her Sister, Angela Daly is also a licensed Exhorter and on the Church's ministerial staff. Sister Tammy, her mom and sister are possessed with transcendent singing voices, which they readily and joyfully employ to the glory of God.

All this notwithstanding, what best characterizes Sister Tamala Sappington is her great love of our Lord and Savior. The light and love of Jesus literally shines out from her, bathing all with whom she comes into contact in tranquility, comprehension and joy. Her "yes" Spirit is her hallmark and her great humility one of her most endearing attributes; though she is, by no means, a shrinking violet. She is possessed with a Holy boldness and displays an assuring confidence in "naming the Name" to all who have "ears to hear."

Sister Tamala Sappington is truly one whom the Lord has called to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

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