

## Minister Cynthia Hamilton-Barnes

Minister Cynthia Hamilton-Barnes was born in St. Louis, MO. She is one of GNBC's Associate Ministers. Minister Barnes is also a GNBC Sunday School teacher and serves as Director of the Benevolent Fund Ministry. She is married to Deacon James Barnes, Sr. Together; they have three children (James Jr., Danielle, and Corey). She attended St. Louis University College, Lindenwood University and St. Louis Christian College. Minister Barnes works in the medical field as a recovery specialist for Tenet Health System. She has worked in the medical profession over 18 years.

Minster Barnes accepted her calling in 2000. She avoided the calling for years until she finally decided to obey God. Before accepting her call, she could not understand why God continued to lead and direct her to Jeremiah 1:8 throughout her wrestling and denial of her call. *Now she understands.* Minister Barnes preached her first sermon in January 2001. Afterwards, God began to open new doors and opportunities for her to evangelize and minister in nursing homes. Minister Barnes enjoys teaching and preaching the Word of God, as well as watching God change people through the Holy Spirit. Luke 4:18 (*The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted. To preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight of the blind, to set the liberty them that are bruised*) inspires her journey in growing in Christ. Ministry is first in her life; it begins in her household with her family. Serving people is dear to her heart and knows she can't do the work of the ministry without being a Servant first.

Minister Barnes has a true passion for ministering to women in the church. Members will always hear her say, "Keep it real"; because in order to be healed, you have to be real with yourself. Although everyone experiences great hurt and pain, the Lord has focused Minister Barnes' ministry to helping women in discovering true healing. Minister Barnes is not only a Believer, but she is also a Doer of allowing God to do the healing through His Word of Truth.

We thank God for Minister Barnes and appreciate all her ministry efforts in helping GNBC lift up the name of Jesus.