PASTOR VICKIE A. WRIGHT

Vickie Wright was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan with humble beginnings. She is the only girl in a family of four other siblings-Alfred Jr., Ira, Kevin and Wardell. Growing up in the inner city, she overcame poverty, violence and dysfunction to become a rising star in business, development, Counseling, and real estate. Her parents, Alfred Sr. and Etta LaNier Council always instilled in her that God loved her and His angels watched over her.

Empowered by this affirmation, she became the consummate businesswoman. Vickie owns and operates a Real Estate Brokerage company, aptly named New Life Realty in Oak Park, Michigan. She also owns and operate Best Life Counseling, and CommonWealth Community Development. As an entrepreneur, Vickie passed this love of business ownership on to her three sons, Dennis, Shanchez and Daron each of whom owns and operates his own business. Vickie's love of music motivated her to establish a recording label Wrights Records whereby she had the opportunity to sign gospel recording artists' such as Jerry Warren. She received formal training in Fashion Merchandizing specializing in Interior Design. She has also earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and a Bachelor's in Performing Arts from Marygrove College. She has also earned a Master's degree in Counseling and a Master's degree in Divinity from Ashland Theological Seminary and has studied Life Coaching.

Vickie is a 4th generation member of the Christian Church in Detroit (Disciples of Christ). She was raised in the Christian faith with her family at United Christian Church (under the leadership of Rev. Robert Jordan. Vickie first encountered God at 5 years old when she would pray and ask for God to "use her as He used Moses."

As far back as she can remember Vickie always had a heart to help others and to see other people succeed. In 2012, she answered the call of God to "Go forth" and start a teaching and empowerment ministry which is now known as *Kingdom building God's Church Ministry*. Her heart's desire is to see blinded eyes opened, the captives set free, the sick healed and the broken healed and restored.

She served as the Associate Pastor of the Historic Bethany Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Detroit, Michigan.