

## Tawanda De Irish 2014 to present

I would like to start by saying, my kids introduced me to pastor Christoper Smith the youth pastor of Congregating In Prayer. Pastor Christopher worked in The Children's aid society a center for; lodging houses, fresh air programs, and industrial schools to support an estimated 30,000 poor and orphaned children living in the city's streets, and pioneered the Orphan Train Movement in New York State.

Congregating In Prayer was a local church in New York State where many community children and youth attended church services. I was privileged to be able to bring all of my into a church service that was designed for young people.

My children learned a lot about God, caring, sharing and being family orientated. C.I.P. Inc. closed their church in New York State and came to Virginia to create a similar program.

Years later I moved to virginia to be close to my daughter and The Branch Ministries. The Branch Min. Helped me through good times and times of trials and tribulations.

We learn how to love Jesus for our self and as a group. I did not think that learning was hard to do, but as is I learned how to learn, how to help myself and how to manage my finances. When ever we come together in fellowship we enjoy each others company in this ministry.

I especially enjoy our support groups, anxiety classes, discipleship classes and our Sunday services. I love volunteering in all of the programs I am so blessed to be part of the Branch Ministries. God is showing us His pure love through the members of the Branch I'll forever love them.

I want to thank Apostle Ruth Ortiz and all of the Branch Ministries members and leaders that have been supportive over me and my kids! love you very dearly Sincerely, Tawanda De Irish