

**1st Lady Margaret Walker
Banquet Speaker
Theme: “An Invitation”
(Matthew 11:28-30, Hebrews 13:5)**



In 1980 she married Overseer Thomas E. Walker and moved to Decatur, IL. She is the founder and CEO of Youth With A Positive Direction, where her mission is to encourage and train young people to live positive and productive lives in the inner city, by resisting negative influences and accentuating the positive through mentoring, peer leadership, life skills, computer technology, artistic activities, performing arts, instrumental music classes, and the utilization of community services.

Sister Walker also heads up the local chapter of Cease Fire and is a public health model to stop shootings and killings. They combine Science and Street Outreach to track where violence is heating up and then cool the situation down.

In 2008, Margaret Walker was a recipient of the Southwest Everyday Heroes Award on BET (Black Entertainment Television), where she was nominated by one of the long-time members of Youth With A Positive Direction. Since then she has been recipient for numerous more awards.

With all the other community services she performs, she also is a mentor, role model, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many.