

Soloist

Sister Pamela Purnell



Pamela (Jo Grace) Purnell is a singing songwriter and a writing publisher. Her singles entitled “Let Your Dreams Matter” and “The Sweetest Thing You Do for Me Is Pray” can be found on Amazon, Apple and iTunes. Pamela is also a published poet and an inspirational writer. Her self-published books include Soul’s Worth, You Are a Tree to Me, and Uplifted. Pamela also produced an inspirational CD that includes songs, poetry, prose, scripture readings and affirmations entitled The I AM Journey. Currently, she is working with a publisher to release Rose Petal’s Potpourri for the Soul.

Pamela a storyteller and a speaker delivered the keynote address at Arts in the Church Conference in Pennsylvania. She led two workshops at a Sunday School Conference in Peoria, Illinois on the subjects of wellness and dance in the church. She was a speaker and soloist at Empowerment for Women events in Chicago. As a speaker Pamela has presented at programs for women, youth, singles, and married couples. Pamela has also spoke and taught at colleges, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, a state prison and county jails on a variety of religious and secular subjects. Both her inspirational and storytelling podcasts can be found on Pod bean.

Pamela is a former member of the Doris Ward Workshop Chorale, the Nathan Shaffer Chorale. She is also an Illinois State University (ISU) Interdenominational Youth Choir and a ISU Creative Arts Jazz Ensemble alumna. Pamela shares her gift of song at a variety of events and through various social media platform.

As a member of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in Bloomington under the leadership Pastor Frank McSwain, Pamela volunteers as a Sunday School for women in the Christian Education Department. Her formal religious training includes post master level credits from Life Christian University, Florida and the completion of the first level training of the Elijah House of School of Prayer.

Pamela’s secular education includes a Masters of Business Administration from Prairie View A& M University, Texas. She has master level credits in Multicultural Education and Special Education from Eastern University, Pennsylvania as well. She did her undergraduate work in Mass Communication with emphasis in Radio Broadcasting at Illinois State University. While at Illinois State University she pledged in the Theta Delta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, a national public service sorority.

Pamela a Chicago native is the daughter of Reverend Morris L. Purnell, who is the assistant pastor of Memorial Missionary Baptist Church under Pastor Nathan Shaffer and Evangelist and Gospel Singer icon, Eva Purnell formerly of the Inspirational Singers with Almond Dawson of Chicago. She is the mother of three adult male sons, and a grandmother of two boys and a girl.

Pamela is a substitute teacher for District 87 and Unit 5. She serves as an election judge in Bloomington, Illinois. Pamela’s scripture theme for sharing what God has given her is “Bless the Lord, oh my soul and all that is within me” (Psalms 103:1) and, “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure..” She desires to fulfill God’s assignment for her life by depositing what he has gifted and equipped her with to advance the Kingdom of God on earth among men for God’s glory.