



Dr. Mildred Clopton-Harris
Founder, Pastor and CEO
God First Church and Ministries

Dr. Harris is affectionately known as a "Mother in Zion" and a "Pioneer." She is gifted in many areas. Widely known as an organizer, Dr. Harris is able to bring thousands of people together for the purpose of building the Body of Christ and for investing in her hometown "Chicago, Illinois." *PRAISE THE LORD!*

Dr. Harris is the Founder, Pastor and CEO of God First Church and Ministries. Apostolically speaking, she has Chapters of God First Ministries in Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Gary, Indiana; Nashville, Tennessee and New York City, New York. Being a bridge builder, Dr. Harris over the years with events has been able to bring people of various backgrounds and cultures together which have included the Homeless, Seniors, Widows, Orphans, Youth, Religious and Political Leaders, CEO's of Corporations, Leaders in Education, Technology, Healthcare, Social Services, Entertainment, Sports and the Arts. You name it and more than likely Dr. Harris has in some way or another touched the lives of many others.

When she graduated from DuSable High School in Chicago, Illinois, she was voted as the best speaker in her class. Today, Dr. Harris is a sought out speaker not only in Chicago but throughout the U.S, Africa, Asia and South America. A world traveler, she has visited all the continents in the world as she participated in prayer journeys.

Gifted and multifaceted by nature, Dr. Harris received her B.A. Degree in Education from DePaul University, Chicago Illinois. She holds three (3) Master of Arts Degrees namely, Early Childhood Education from Columbia University, New York City, New York; a Masters Degree in Human Development from Governors State University, Park Forest, Illinois, a Masters Degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois and a Doctorate in Ministry with honors from the International Bible Institute and Seminary in Plymouth, Florida. Dr. Harris also holds two (2) Honorary Doctorate Degrees.

When Dr. Harris retired from being a Kindergarten Mentor Teacher and working with student teachers from various Universities; a wing in the school where she taught was dedicated in her honor.

Dr. Harris is the author of several books. Her book entitled Traits of An Intercessor has sold over 10,000 copies and is presently being translated in Spanish. Dr. Harris has also hosted her own Television and radio programs.

Dr. Harris has received numerous Awards. She is listed in Who's Who In the World, Who's Who in Black Chicago 2010-2011; Who's Who in the Religious Conference Management 2010-2011. She was voted as one of Chicago's Leading Pastors in 2009 and she was voted into the Seniors Hall of Fame-Mayor's Office-City Hall, Chicago, Illinois. She received the Jefferson Award from NBC 5 and the Unsung Heroine Award from Mitsubishi Motors. Awards have been bestowed

to her by United States Presidents, Governors, Mayors, Congressmen and Senators. She received the ASCAP Award from the Music Society of American Composers in New York City, New York for her musical rendition of Tribe of Judah En Danse. *HALLELUJAH!*

In 1999, Mayor Richard M. Daley appointed Dr. Harris to the Board of the Chicago Housing Authority as a Commissioner. She still holds this position. With the CHA Plan for Transformation, she oversees a budget of 1.5 Billion dollars. This money is being used to transform the lives of public housing residents and neighborhood communities at large.

Dr. Harris is a member of the Goodman Theatre Women's Board. She is on the Illinois Attorney Generals Advisory Board for the Honorable Lisa Madigan; the Illinois State Treasurers Council for African American Affairs for the Honorable Alexi Giannoulias and the Illinois State Comptrollers Local Government Board with the Honorable Daniel Hynes. Dr. Harris is a life member of the National Council of Negro Women, life member of the NAACP, member of the National Forum of Black Public Administrators, the Chicago Illinois Links, Inc. and the Task Force for the Chicago Department of Senior and Family Services. She serves on the Board of Directors for One Family One Child and is a member of the private and posh Union League Club Of Chicago.

As a Real Estate Investor with a certificate in real estate, Dr. Harris has invested in properties located in Chicago, Illinois; Gary, Indiana and East Chicago, Indiana. All of these properties have a debt free status as Dr. Harris also lives a debt free life. A lover of art, Dr. Harris studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and uses her interior designing skills to provide services for the Body of Christ and institutions at large.

An investor in the lives of young people, God First Church and Ministries under the leadership of Dr. Harris and Dr. Harris personally have invested well over two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) to students by giving scholarships to UNCF, numerous Colleges and Universities in Chicago, the United States and Africa.

A liberal giver, Dr. Harris under the auspices of God First Church and Ministries have donated thousands of clothing and food items to the residents of the Chicago Housing Authority with the Maudelle Food Pantry being established at one of the CHA Senior Buildings.

In April of 2010 several outstanding blessings were bestowed upon the Beloved Dr. Harris as she was one of the Religious leaders in Chicago to meet His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein- King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. She has been invited to travel to Jordan to meet with His Majesty later this year. The Reverend B. Herbert Martin of Progressive Community Church gave to God First Church and Ministries for development purposes 24 acres of land (ocean front property) in Ghana, Africa. Dr. Harris was also invited by President Barack Obama's Satellite Office to participate on panel to select top Federal Government employees to receive an Award for their outstanding work in the Federal Government. She also is one of President Barack Obama's Partners.
TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

In private life, Dr. Harris is the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Jordan Clopton. She is the wife of Dr. Herbert C. Harris, an investor and retired dentist.

One of her favorite scriptures is found in Philippians 4:13 (King James Version)

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."