

*Pastor J. Lionel Williams* is the first-born of five to the Late Minister Johnny and Mother Hazel Williams. He attended the public schools of Richland County School District One, graduating from Dreher High School. Pastor Williams is an anointed man of God in the way of music ministry, preaching, and the gift of healing. Having received the impartation from his grandmother, the late Annie Elizabeth Mitchell and laying on of hands by his Godfather, the Late Bishop Chester A. Byrd, founder of the Bible Way Church of Christ, he learned to play the organ in elementary school which was referred to as "ghost music."

As he grew older, his skills developed so that he was asked to play for churches in the surrounding areas. He ministered with Benedict Gospel Choir under Mr. Walter Piper, Ms. Yvonne Toban and Mrs. Doris Massey-Works. While in high school, he founded the group "Dreher Spiritual Singers" that was later named "God's Creation". As he and many of the members graduated, they performed in South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida and New York. They also ministered with other gospel artists such as the late James Cleveland, Walter Hawkins and the Hawkins Family, Reverend Timothy Wright, the Winans, Bishop Bruce Parham and Pastor John P. Kee. He also toured with Doc McKenzie.

Having recorded several independent music projects, he has also exemplified his love and service to the Lord in countless areas of the Levitical anointing, to include singer, songwriter, and producer. As God continued to develop his ministry through music, he recorded his first 45 with the Beatitudes of the Bible Way Church – *Be Ye Steadfast and More Like Jesus*. He later went on to record such songs as *I'll Be Alright, We've Come this Far By Faith (Revised-Bible Way International Choir)*, *Lord, You Keep On Blessing Me, They That Wait (Revised)*, *Jesus Is Real (Co-Authored with John P. Kee)*, *Tell the World, Jesus (Revised-With the late Mother Hazel Williams)* and *Lord, We Lift You Up In Praise* just to name a few.

Yielding himself to the Master's purpose he continued his endeavor as a minister of music at numerous churches in the Columbia area. Since receiving his license to minister from the Bible Way Churches of America, Pastor Williams has continuously traveled the east coast proclaiming the gospel to anyone with hearts open to receive and ears willing to hear. God has blessed him to both conduct and attend ministry seminars, conferences, and revivals all over the eastern United States.

Pastor Williams also assisted his brother, the late Pastor Stephon L. Williams, at the Tribe of Judah Outreach Ministry and later served as interim pastor after Stephon's death when he answered the Lord's call to the preach the word under Bishop Arthur J. Morgan of Bible Way Church of Christ. With much regret to closing its doors, Pastor Williams went on to serve as Minister of Music for other local churches in the Columbia area.

But the Father's voyage for this man of purpose had only just begun. After serving as minister of music and travelling with some of gospels greatest, the Lord began to pull on the heart of Pastor Williams as He was calling him to the Pastoral office. After many restless nights, Pastor Williams submitted and gave God a YES! So, in December 2005, Pastor Williams stepped out in faith, with leading of the Holy Spirit, he established the House of Judah Outreach Center in Winnsboro, SC.

He continued to serve in Winnsboro until he was physically stricken with a diabetic coma (to God be glory!). He placed the ministry on hold for several months and was led to move the ministry from Winnsboro to Columbia.

Pastor Williams now advocates as Senior Pastor of the body of believers that the Lord has entrusted into his care at House of Judah Outreach Center. As Senior Pastor of House of Judah Outreach Center, located in Columbia, South Carolina, Pastor J. Lionel Williams has an insatiable passion for making disciples of men, empowering believers, and impacting the world with the gospel of Christ one life at a time.

For those who have had the privilege of witnessing the unfeigned love and humility that he displays in both ministry and marriage, it is no question as to why Pastor Williams professes Galatians 2:20 as being his favorite scripture.

Pastor Williams is truly a rich man. He is the proud father of Minister LaCroix (Laniqua) Williams of Nashville, Tennessee, Master LaCorvin Williams of Huntsville, Alabama, Miss. Emily, Miss. Ashley and Master Oral Narcisse, whom he inherited through the blessed marital union of Evangelist Sandra A. Williams of Columbia, South Carolina. He is the grateful grandfather of Little Miss. Serenity Williams of Nashville, Tennessee and Little Miss Amari Chanel of the home.

To God be the glory for the great things He has done in the lives and legacy of Pastor J. Lionel and Lady Sandra Williams.

He, the Lord, is doing great things in the *House of Judah*