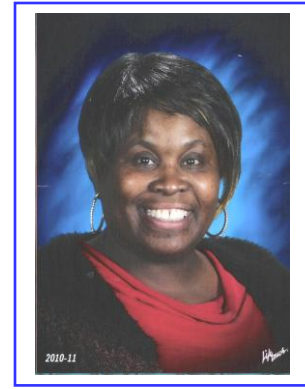


Ms. Glenda J. Williams

Teacher: Grade 4



Faith & Christian Service

Ms Glenda Williams is a Born Again Believer, who accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at the age of 13; she also received the Holy Ghost at a young age, with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Glenda is on fire for the Lord and works faithfully within her Christian affiliation. Over the past 20 years she has served in the House of God in many capacities: Fundraising Coordinator, Sunday School Teacher, choir member and Youth Choir Director, Usher & Missionary Board, Hospitality and all that her hands found to do. Currently, she serves as Pastoral Aide, Youth Department Director, praise & worship leader, alter worker and teacher/minister of the Gospel. Glenda believes that through God, all things are possible to them that believe. Although there are many verses from the Book of Life that provides encouragement to this woman of God, Ms. Williams, has taken the following as a guide in her spiritual walk with the Lord. "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." John 14:30. KJV.

Family

Ms. Williams is the mother of 6 children; 4 sons and two daughters: Gary, Michael, Donja, Krystal, Isaac and Sean-Paul. In addition, she has 8 grand children (including two sets of twins). Glenda believes that a strong family foundation/relationship sets the tone for a good spiritual foundation. She values good times during holidays, as the sound of family and laughter fills the atmosphere. A family that prays (and laughs) together, stays together is her motto.

Training & Education

Ms. Williams received her NYS general education prek-6 teacher certification in 1996. She was educated at Nazareth College of Rochester, where she obtained a BA in psychology. After graduation, she worked for the Rochester City School District and with the Charter School of Science & Technology. She worked with general and special education populations. She previously taught the following grades: pre kindergarten, 1st 2nd, 3rd, (now 4th) 6th and 7th grades. In addition to traditional classroom teaching, Glenda has worked with various community based youth programs. She served as Coordinator of the Black Youth Leadership Development Program (American Red Cross) and Admissions, Placement & Career Counselor for the American Job Corps Program. She also served as Director of Outreach and Admissions for Job Corps. Moreover, Ms. Williams worked as a teacher, Literacy Specialist and Education & Disability Coordinator for a major preschool program in the Rochester area. Williams believes that every student learns differently.

Therefore, teaching is as much a task of learning. *"Who are your students? The key is to figure out as fast as you can who they are, where they are compared to where they need to go. How do they best receive information? Then, paradoxically let go of all of that information and change directions when your students change. The blessing of teaching is in the journey of watching your students grow from good, better, best. Personal success is as individual as our fingerprints. Yet, overall success is when no one is left behind...Teaching a student to be thinkers and to be resourceful is as important as teaching them content."*

Community-Based Involvement

Incidentally, Ms. Glenda Williams is the Co-founder of a Special Movement to Influence a Lifestyle of Excellence (SMILE). Now in its 3rd year, SMILE seeks to encourage the inner-beauty of young ladies 9-18 years old through educational training, instilling strong moral and family values and through providing community service opportunities. Also, Glenda is a 2003 Alumnus of the United Way's African American Leadership Development Program, which increases decision-making opportunities for African Americans through community board placements and community collaborations. Moreover, Glenda is an active board member of SMILE and the Bread Life Outreach Project, which meets the emergency food and clothing needs of at-risk community members.

She is Owner of Designs by Promise—Print Graphics & Designs and Owner of Visual Words Stage Productions, which writes and produces, stage scripts, along the religious comedy genre. Above all, Glenda loves the Lord, whole mind, body and soul; and she is sold out in her commitment to live a holy and faith (ful) life, until the day of Christ's return. Ms. Glenda Williams brings to Destiny School over 15 years of professional experience working with children and youth, and over 30 years of Christian experience.