



Beatrice. W. Brown, a native of Macon, Georgia, has lived in the Augusta area for the past thirty years. She's a 1977 graduate of Southwest High School. She continued her education at Albany State College (University, 1981) and Mercer University (1984). She taught in the public school system for 31 years and retired in May 2013. Her last position was with the Columbia County School System where she was a Special Education teacher and was named "Teacher of the Year" for Brookwood Elementary School in 2006. She received The Georgia Reading Endorsement in 2006 from Augusta State University (Augusta University, Augusta, GA.)

Her passion for teaching reached beyond the four walls of her public school classroom into the Christian Education Ministry at Good Shepherd Baptist Church where she is a member. She received certification to teach from the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and serves on the faculty of Good Shepherd Baptist Church Bible Academy. She also teaches at the District and State levels. She is the director and one of the original teachers of the Summer Enrichment Program, established in 1991 (Good Shepherd), which provides six weeks of educational services for students in kindergarten through eighth grades.

As an extension of the Evangelistic Ministry of the church, she wrote and directed the Passion play and musical, *He Reigneth Forevermore*, which posted a fifteen-year run from 2001-2015.

She is the mother of three: Brandon, Brittany, and Terrell. She has 4 grandsons, Alex'Zander, Isaiah, Elijah and Gabriel. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, writing and traveling. Her favorite quote is taken from *A Short Walk* by Alice Childress: "Life is just a short walk from the cradle to the grave and it sure behooves us to be kind to one another along the way."