

GALE P. AUSTIN

Gale, a native of Southern California, was educated in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She graduated from San Fernando Valley Christian High; and is a graduate of both Pepperdine University, and Giant Step Graphic Arts.

Gale has been married for 40 years to James Austin, Minister of the Mac Donald Ave. Church of Christ where they work side by side for the glory of God. They have 2 sons, James III (a.k.a. Ki'ja) and Kendrick; 4 granddaughters, and 2 grandsons (who refer to her as Tutu, because she is too, too cute to be called grandma!). She has been an educator of both 1st and 6th graders, and was nominated as Outstanding Teacher of America.

Raised in a Christian home, she obeyed the Gospel at the age of 9, under Carl C. Baccus (Southside Church of Christ, Los Angeles). She has spoken at many ladies lectureships, and considers it an honor to encourage others through God's Word. She has worked as a youth counselor and bible teacher; she presently teaches the ladies Sunday school class, works with the education administration and ladies program ministries, at the local congregation where she worships; she coordinates training for youth in both State and National youth conferences. Gale started singing as a small child (with her grandfather, the late Lodiska Lewis), and is currently an active member of the group Cornerstone. She is an inspired writer, and spends her spare time writing skits and poems, working on her book; sewing and spending time with her grandchildren, when possible.

Her favorite scriptures are:

Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me."

Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."