

Pastor Jo Ann
BROWNING



CELEBRATING

40
YEARS

IN MINISTRY

A Night of Celebration

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Welcome

Opening Tribute

Ebenezer AME Music Department & Ebenezer AME Poetry Ministry

Prayer

Prayer Response

Ebenezer Liturgical Dance Ministry

The Story of Pastor Jo Ann Browning

ACT 1 – The Call

ACT 2 – Marriage, Motherhood & Ministry

ACT 3 – The Trailblazer

Offering Appeal

Special Tributes

Remarks from Pastor Grainger Browning

Remarks from Pastor Jo Ann Browning

Closing Prayer

Closing Musical Celebration

40 YEARS OF POWERFUL MINISTRY

Highlights & Accomplishments



Pastor & Preacher

- Unprecedented historical appointment as Co-Pastor of Ebenezer AME in 1998
- First ordained female minister to preach the 11 o'clock hour and revivals at churches in DC and MD throughout the 1990s
- World-renowned preacher preaching in Germany, Bermuda and other places, domestically and internationally
- Preached at Woman Thou Art Loosed Conference's Sunday morning Master Class at The Potter's House, Dallas, TX, 2018
- Preached sermon at 2nd Episcopal District of the AME Annual Conference
- Delivered invocation for Howard University graduation
- Preached in Jessup Prison for Women on three occasions
- Preached at Spelman College Baccalaureate Ceremony
- Panelist for Women in Ministry on BET Special Broadcast
- Preached at the National Cathedral for Potomac High School MLK Day Program
- Preached at the 13th Episcopal District Mid-Year Covenant Renewal Service - Bishop Vashti McKenzie
- Taught Bible Study during the African Methodist Episcopal Church's General Conference
- Preached at Eliza Turner AME Church, Monrovia, Liberia
- Served as co-convener and organizer of Annual Women in Ministry Conference
- Served as keynote speaker at Black Enterprise Women of Power Summit

Innovator & Leader

- Lead the planning, organization and development of existing and new ministries at Ebenezer, including F.O.R.C.E Outreach, Blessings and Love Marriage (BALM) Ministry, Call to Ministry Institute, Women's Resource & Restoration Center, Go Get Our Daughters and many more
- Visionary and convener of 38 Women's Seasons and 37 Women's Spiritual Retreats
- Chairman of the Board, Ebenezer AME Bible Institute
- Chairman of the Board of Directors, Barack Counseling Center of Ebenezer (Later negotiated and sold the Center at a profit to Ebenezer)
- She was "in the room where it happened" in the planning and building process of the new sanctuary at Ebenezer the Beautiful
- President of Alice Marie Chapman Women's Missionary Society, grew from 3 members to hundreds

Author

- Self-published two books, including "Our Savior Our Sisters Ourselves: Biblical Teachings & Reflections on Women's Relationships" & "Faithful, Fearless and Focused: Lessons to Fortify Your Future," "Our Savior Our Sisters Ourselves" was listed in top 10 books to read in Essence magazine. Her second book was repackaged and re-released by Christian Publisher, Creation House and a third edition was self-published

Community Leader

- Honorary member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
- Governor Board member, Wesley Seminary for over 4 years
- Board Member, Wisdom Center at Spelman College for 10 years
- Advisory Board, Rise Together Mentorship Network for Women of Color in Ministry
- Donated funds to people impacted by Hurricane Katrina and delivered diapers from diaper drive and donated to two daycares and one aftercare
- Organized and led women on mission trip to Haiti and collected school supplies

Creative

- Artist
- Poet
- Sculptor

*Highlights ≠
Accomplishments*

Award Winner

- Preaching Award from Morehouse College
- Honorable Mention Top Women Preachers, Ebony Magazine
- One Thousand Churches Connected Award from Rainbow PUSH
- Several awards from fraternities and sororities, including Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta and Alpha Kappa Alpha sororities
- Café Mocha Religion Award
- Boston Governor's Award of Distinction – 2019
- Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities & Who's Who Marquis 2021 Millennial Issue Cover
- Governor's Award of Distinction from the Gov. of Massachusetts
- Feature in the Howard University Magazine as an up-and-coming spiritual leader
- Religious Award, WHUR MAGAZINE
- Lamplighter Award, Black Leadership Forum
- Who's Who in Cambridge, Massachusetts
- **AND MORE AND MORE!**



Game Changer

- Established Journey of Faith, LLC a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering women
- Negotiated all contracts and planning efforts for Ebenezer's Annual Women's Spiritual Retreats
- Organized satellite broadcast of the Women's Spiritual retreat closing service into the Maryland Correctional Institute for Women in Jessup, MD (first time by any church)

Scholar

- Earned Master of Divinity, and Doctorate of Ministry from Howard University School of Divinity - 1991 (Only woman who graduated with a D. Min from HUSD that year)
- Honorary doctorate, AME University in Liberia, West Africa
- Fellowship, Fund for Theological Education for M.Div. at Boston University and also at Howard University School of Divinity (1982-1986)
- Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship, Boston University School of Theology
- The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship, Boston University School of Theology
- Pew Fellowship for Doctoral Studies, Howard University School of Divinity – 1991
- Princeton Center for Graduate Theological Inquiry – 2004

