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(registration opens September 15, 2011)



Registration: \$275 (includes reception and 2 group lunches)

Local Drive-in Registration: Friday \$75.00 Saturday \$75.00

Lodging: \$119 per night for up to 4 persons (room costs are in addition to the registration fee)



Keynote Speaker **ALICIA WILLIAMSON GARCIA**

Alicia Williamson Garcia has been blessed with the ministry to articulate the gospel of Jesus Christ through music and word. Her award-winning vocals combined with her ability to articulate God's truths have made her a national favorite for ministry and women's events. "The heart of our ministry is the Word of God. God has given us music to open the heart and His infallible Word to fill the heart and change a life. Worship, in its total essence is a response to the truth, not a reaction to circumstances," says Alicia.

A native of Florence, S.C., Alicia began performing in her local church at age five. At age seven, she trusted Jesus as her Lord and Savior while listening to her father's first sermon. Alicia later graduated from Winthrop College in Rock Hill, SC with a Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal Performance. Upon graduation, she joined the contemporary Christian group TRUTH and recorded her signature song, "There Is A Alicia began her personal ministry in 1993 and partnered with local churches, ministries and organizations to lead worship. Her ministry grew to incorporate teaching at womens' functions and teaching congregations about the worship experience. Ultimately, she became identified as a prominent Bible teacher, keynote speaker and television host.

Alicia has been privileged to partner with many ministries including Precept Ministries, The Brooklyn Tabernacle, Dr. Tony Evans of the Urban Alternative, Women of Faith, The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, INSP, CBN, In Touch with Charles Stanley, The Gaither Homecoming and Food For the Hungry. "As I have quieted myself and have purposely set aside time to study the Word of God, He has opened doors for me that I could never open myself," she explains.

She has recorded many projects: "Alicia," "There Is a Hope," "The Rescue," "Faithful Heart," "Praise and Worship", and "We Win". Alicia newest project is a DVD, recorded at the Inspirational Networks Studio (INSP), LIVE in Worship – Alicia Williamson Garcia.

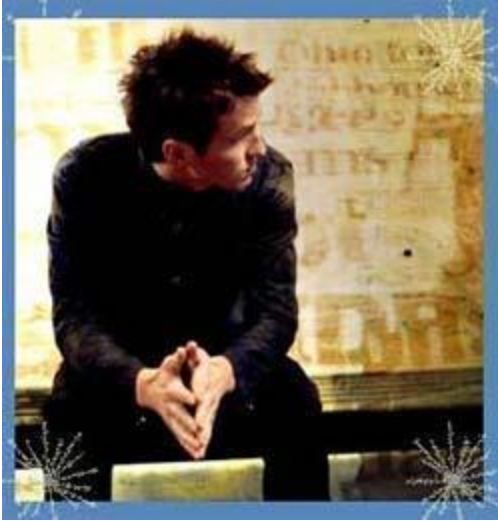
Teaching Old and New Testament Principles of Worship and Creative Worship, Alicia is a faculty member at the Center for Worship at Liberty University. She also serves as Artist-in-Residence at Liberty University and Thomas Road Baptist Church.



Opening Night Speaker

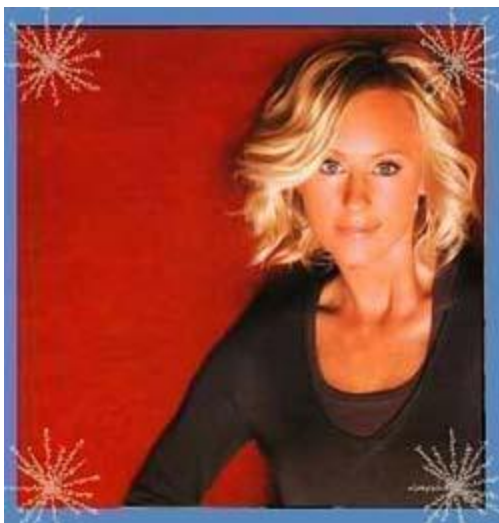
CHONDA PIERCE

Armed with an abundance of unpretentious Southern charm and laser sharp wit, Chonda Pierce has been entertaining audiences from coast to coast for more than a decade. An in demand stand up comic, television hostess and best-selling author, Pierce has parlayed her gift for storytelling into a multi-faceted career. "Comedy is timeless. You can hear an old George Burns joke and still laugh," says Pierce, whose classic sense of timing and universal topics have earned her a broad audience that encompasses all ages and economic backgrounds. Pierce has always drawn on personal experience and it's that honesty that makes her so relatable. Whether sharing her battle with depression and finding humor in a dark place or tackling a national obsession with physical perfection as she does on her upcoming project "This Ain't Prettyville," Pierce has a unique way of observing the human condition and finding the humor in every situation. In addition to lifting the human spirit with laughter, Pierce also devotes her time to charitable endeavors such as the facility she founded in 2006 to aid those suffering from depression. "Branches Recovery Center is something I am extremely proud of," she says. "The vision for Branches came from what I learned in rehab. I wanted to help facilitate the same kind of journey that I took toward wholeness available in my community and much more affordable for people as well. We have four licensed professional counselors on staff, a couple of incredible life-coaches and every kind of support group you can imagine. A sense of community has been lost around our country but community is imperative for personal growth and healing."



Worship Speaker **AARON KEYES**

The last thing you want to do, in the middle of a fight, is... NOTHING. Unless, of course, you expect someone bigger to show up and fight for you. It's an upside down principle, or so it seems, but for worship leader and songwriter Aaron Keyes, this is the key to worship, even the key to life itself: "Deliverance, provision, miracles—everything we pray for in the rough seasons of our lives—most often come to pass in the context of praise, worship, sacrifice and abiding in the shelter of the Most High God. ...Everything is wrapped up in our willingness to wait." For Aaron, worship pastor at Grace Fellowship Church in Snellville, GA for the last eight years, it's that waiting room that fuels his passion for and approach to worship. He believes, without reservation, that you can't get there (or lead anyone there) without the Word of God. That is why he and his wife, Megan, open their home to disciple young worship leaders for several months out of the year, dedicating their lives to reshaping worship leadership for the next generation.



Featured Guest **TAMMY TRENT**

Beneath her youthful exterior and fresh-faced exuberance, Tammy is a focused recording artist, author and speaker who knows exactly what she wants to say. She creates music that serves as a personal conduit for those seeking to worship God and also wants to remind others of God's desire to reach them. Through her own personal journey of love and loss, Tammy continues to share that theme through her books, her music and her life.



Bible Teacher **DONNA BAPTISTE**

At age 16, Donna accepted Jesus Christ and her Savior and Lord through a Billy Graham Telecast. This happened three days after she had emigrated from the Caribbean island of Trinidad to reside in the U.S.

After having received a Bachelor Degree in Nursing at Hunter Bellevue School of Nursing and in response to God's call, she attended Alliance Theological Seminary. There she received a Master of Divinity Degree with an emphasis on Missions. Additionally, Donna earned a Master Degree in Organizational Leadership from Nyack College.

Donna was accepted by the C&MA as a missionary to Mali, West Africa where she served for five and a half years. Before going to Mali, Donna spent two years in Nassau Bahamas as a missionary intern. While in Mali, she served as Discipleship Coordinator where she developed a Discipleship Training Program for the Mali Church, outlined a five-year discipleship ministerial strategy, wrote a Discipleship Training Manual with accompanying visual aids and trained nine people in the use of the discipleship materials. For a period of 4 years she minister as President of Alliance Women Ministries in the Metro District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Under her leadership the Metro District saw an increase in the number of churches involved in Alliance Women Ministries, and District Women Retreats move from an attendance of 192 to over 500 women participating. As President of Alliance Theological Seminary (ATS) Alumni Association, wherein she served for a period of 10 years, Donna presided over and gave direction to the re-organization of the ATS Alumni Advisory Committee. After two years of restructuring this Advisory committee became a fully functioning Alumni Association. Additionally, for a period of 8 years Donna served as a Missions Mobilizer for the Metro District. One of the highlights for her was her role as Director of a missions trip to Senegal West Africa. The premise of this trip called "Bridge Senegal 2009" was to bring about healing and reconciliation on the denominational level.