



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Christa Brown Receives Heritage and Hope Ministries, Inc. Phoebe Award.

ARLINGTON, Texas – November 30, 2010-- Cornerstone Baptist Church of Arlington, TX, Heritage & Hope Ministries, Inc. and Dr. Wm. Dwight McKissic honored Ms. Christa Brown with the Phoebe Award Sunday, November 21, 2010. Heritage and Hope Ministries is an outreach ministry of Cornerstone Baptist Church and is designed to develop an ongoing ministry of racial reconciliation, promote and strengthen the family, and defend the faith.

The Phoebe Award is an award given out every 3-5 years to a female who has made a difference in our world; someone who stands up for truth and right; a woman who exemplifies Romans 16:1, 2 "A servant of the church ... a helper of many."

Christa Brown was honored for her outstanding work and boldness in speaking the truth to a generation in need of God's truth and righteousness. She works tirelessly to protect the next generation of innocent girls from abuse by Baptist pastors and clergy. Although Ms. Brown has been disrespected, shunned, and treated harshly by some in the Baptist family, she has chosen to take her abuse, hurt, and shame and turn it into an opportunity to protect other women and girls from the same abuse, hurt, and shame. Realizing that not all Baptist preachers are predators, Ms. Brown desires to make parents aware of predators while educating the parent to become more aware and savvy in protecting their children.

The website, *Stopbaptistpredators.org: Shinning Light on Baptist Clergy Sex Abuse* is the website created and operated by Christa Brown. Her theme of "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine" has become her life's mantra for helping and protecting young girls and women, while educating parents across the nation. Her mission statement declares, *This "little light" shines for the many clergy abuse victims whose voices have been silenced. Silenced by shame. Silenced by the false instruction of religious leaders. Silenced by church shunning and bullying. Silenced by church contracts for secrecy. Silenced by suicide. The mission of StopBaptistPredators.org is to break the silence of Baptist clergy sex abuse.*

Because of her work and willingness to sacrifice herself to help others, Dr. Wm. Dwight McKissic, Sr. felt Christa Brown was most deserving of the Phoebe Award. She deserves to receive dignity, honor, and acknowledgement for her life's mission to protect others from clergy sexual abuse and change the Baptist infrastructure so that children and families are safe.

For Information Contact:

Veronica Griffith
817.468.0083 ext. 203 or 817.903.0283 cell
5415 Matlock Rd. – Arlington, TX 76018
Email: vgriffith@cbarlington.org
Web: www.cbarlington.org

###