



*Taluah Ruger, RN, MSN, MA./CE*

*"Giving thanks for a faith that has been tried, tested and refined for His Glory"*

A native of Savannah, Georgia, Talulah Ruger has resided in Houston, Texas for the past thirty years. Talulah is a Bible teacher, Christian education specialist, motivational/ inspirational speaker, and registered nurse. She is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary with a Master's degree in Christian Education with a focus in Church Education Leadership. She has a zeal for teaching God's Word and sharing the practical application of biblical principles that can be applied to daily living.

Talulah has a heart for teaching and encouraging women and often speaks incorporating excerpts of her life journey as examples of what God is able to do through us when we believe and trust him to be God. She also has a heart and a passion for family life ministry.

Talulah is the founder and CEO of Talulah Ruger Ministries, Christian Education Consulting Services, LLC. The ministry is dedicated to the spiritual growth and discipleship of the body of Christ by providing services that meet the needs of pastors, church leaders, and lay volunteers, in the assessment, development, training, and evaluation of Christian Education programs and teaching ministries.

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She is also the founder and Executive Director of the non-profit ministry, Great Expectations TEEAM: Teaching, Equipping, Encouraging, and Assisting Ministry to Families. This ministry was birthed to continue the work of the Fellowship of Great Expectations Christian Church and Pastor Olus R. Holder, Jr., MDiv. The ministry vision is to become a symbol of hope and a leader in connecting faith with the community to empower families to attain and sustain healthier lives: one family at a time.

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Called to vocational ministry in 1998 under the leadership of Dr. T. R. Williams, Sr., pastor of New Faith Church in Houston, Texas; Talulah was the first female minister in the 22 year history of the church. She has always viewed her call as "supernatural" and very special. At that time, she did not fully understand the magnitude of what submitting to God's work would mean in her life. She has spent the past twelve years since her call in bi-vocational ministry, serving God and his people in obscurity. She has experienced the extraordinary joy of being God's apprentice, sharpening her tools and skills. She has become acutely aware and appreciative that God saw her as gold, worthy of refining for his Glory.

From 2005-2009 Talulah served under the leadership of Pastor Olus R. Holder, Jr., MDiv. and his wife Nikita at the Fellowship of Great Expectations Christian Church, a new church plant in Fresno, Texas. She was one of the four founding members of the church. In this role she functioned as Ministry Assistant to the pastor. She was responsible for assisting with the church strategic planning and creating the assimilation process for new members. She was also responsible for curriculum selection, training of ministry workers, coordinator and teacher for the Women's Bible Study fellowship, New Member

Orientation and assisting with the day to day operations of the ministry. From 2001– 2005 she served as the Overseer of Christian Education at Higher Dimension Church in Houston, Texas under the leadership of Pastor Terrance H. Johnson. Her responsibilities included the development of the Christian Education program, which included the redesign of the Adult New Member Orientation, Discipleship program, and teacher training for adult children and youth teachers. She was responsible for curriculum selection, evaluation and teaching selected classes. She also assisted in the curriculum development and implementation of the Premarital Preparation Program.

From 1994-2001, Talulah served at New Faith Church in various capacities in ministry, including the Youth Ministry as Youth Ministry Coordinator, Youth Sunday school and Bible study, and Adult Sunday school teacher. She was a member of New Faith Church Women's Conference Steering Committee from 1998-2001, and instrumental in the planning and implementation of three successful Women's Conferences. She was also on the planning committee for development and implementation of a Health and Wellness Ministry at New Faith Church.

A registered nurse by profession, Talulah is a certified advanced oncology nurse. Her passion for patient care, teaching, education, and mentoring students in the field of oncology has been evident in various roles during her career from bedside nursing to management. She worked 12 years as an instructor in nursing education. After a 30 year nursing career at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, Talulah recently retired to pursue ministry fulltime. Her educational background includes a Master's Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston and a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.

Talulah was the recipient of the 2010 Mental Health America of Fort Bend County Bell Ringers Award for Community Service. Her family was featured on the cover and story told in the Fort Bend UpClose Magazine in 2008. She was a 2006 finalist for the Nursing Spectrum/Nurse Week Nursing Excellence Award in Teaching. She was one of 20 nurses recognized by the Texas Nurses Association as an Outstanding Nurse for 2006. Talulah received M.D. Anderson's Staff Educator Award and was nominated for the Julie and Ben Rogers Award for Excellence in Education in 2005.

Talulah is the proud mother of two adult children, Kelsey Ruger and Dr. Erica Ruger. Kelsey is married to Mabel and they have three children; Julian, Shelby and Gabrielle.