

GLORIA "GLO" WINTERS

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Education: Interdisciplinary BS Degree, Liberty University/Liberty Baptist College '84

Major: Martial & Family Counseling

Minor: Youth Ministry

Other Training: Certified Art Minister, Art Fruitions – Foundations of Art Ministry

Certified Personal Trainer (ISSA)

Certified Health Coach (Take Shape for Life)

Business Experience:

Presently: Co-Owner of Allied Industrial Products, LLC (Lynchburg, VA

Previously: Owner, The Mobile Artist. 2017-2020 (Lynchburg, VA)

Owner, Healthy Strides 2013 – 2017 (Lynchburg, VA)

MOVED TO LYNCHBURG IN JUNE 2012

Owner, Fresh Air Fitness 2007 – 2011 (Cumming, GA) Co-Owner My H.E.A.L.T.H. Kick 2005-2007 (Cumming, GA)

Artist, Murals by Glo 2000 – 2005 (Cumming, GA)

Art Ministry Experience:

Mosaic Masterpiece, Art Minister @ Mosaic Church

Hi, my name is Gloria Winters, but I go by my nickname, Glo. I have loved and created art since I was a young child. I am self-taught with some technique instruction over the years. Since 2000, I have worked off and on professionally as an artist painting murals, doing commissioned paintings, and creating designs for businesses. You may have seen some of my local mural work at Hawaiian Poke, Aji Ramen and Sushi, and at Wasabi.

In 2017 I decided to hang up my fitness career after 17 years of teaching/training and dedicate myself to my first love – art. I started an "art studio on wheels," taking art opportunities to various locations around Lynchburg. I hosted paint parties as well as other art medium opportunities for businesses, private parties, and church groups along with hosting my own art classes and doing professional artwork on the side.

While enjoying all this creativity, I approached the leadership of my church and was allowed to start a creative art ministry at Mosaic Church where I attended from 2017 to late 2020. I hosted creative opportunities focused on using art to process the Word of God and to encourage fellowship among the believers. I also performed Praise Paints for worship where I created a painting to music, usually between 8 – 10 minutes. The painting started as one picture, but then was flipped to reveal another. It was quite moving and impactful. In 2019 I was able to create and perform on stage such a painting for Freedom 4/24's annual fundraising event which was held at the Fine Arts Center downtown. There were over 300 guests in attendance and the 5 ft X 7 ft painting was auctioned off – and it sold to raise money for their cause.

In early 2020 I had to take my elderly mother into my home and care for her through some health issues. Covid also interrupted my art business and ministry along with taking my mother in December 2021. During that time, I took a six-month art ministry course with Jessie Nilo of God Loves Art and graduated with a certification. I am still affiliated with her and her platform to continue to grow in art ministry. She has been in art ministry for 20+ years.

In November of 2022, I knew the Lord was prompting me to host my first art club meeting with the hope of gathering Christian artists together. Nine artists and creatives came. At present, after one year we have 15 members in New Canvas Art Club.

I have a heart for ministry using the tools of art to nurture and grow creative believers in their faith as well as their artistic gifting so we can bless the church body with our gifts.

Presently, I am a member of Calvary Chapel Lynchburg on Timberlake Road and am an active member of our Boonsboro Home Group.

My walk with Christ:

I decided to follow Jesus and give my life to him when I was six years old. I committed to walk with Him in obedience by profession of baptism when I was nine and have enjoyed the fellowship of my closest friend, my Savior, and my King all the years of my life.