

## Edna Smith

Ms. Edna Smith would want people to know that “I am a lover of people, regardless of race, creed or color, and I love Jesus!” And Ms. Edna, we would want you to know that we love you and are thrilled that you are joining New Song today!

Edna Smith was born in Baltimore in 1941 and has lived in West Baltimore her entire life. She is the oldest of eight children, and she has five children, 17 grand-children and seven great-grandchildren. She attended school at Carver Vo Tech, and employment included domestic work and working at St. Agnes Hospital in the dietary department and later the film department. For awhile she served as the PTA President at Harlem Park Middle School.

Ms. Edna likes meeting people, visiting the Inner Harbor, watching television (especially the *Lifetime* channel), and “I love chicken!” She does not like it when people are rude to each other.

Before moving into her Habitat house on Stricker Street nine years ago, Ms. Edna lived in Harlem Park for 23 years. She likes both neighborhoods, Sandtown and Harlem Park, especially that there are so many friendly people.

How did Ms. Edna come to attend New Song? “One Sunday a voice said to me to go to that little church around the corner (New Song was on Gilmore Street at the time). I came that Sunday and have been coming ever since. I like the atmosphere and that the truth is preached, and I really enjoy the music led by Steve and Darryl!”

Ms. Edna points to Romans 8:28 as her favorite verse of Scripture: “*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*” She says “From my life experiences this verse has always proven to be true.”

Ms. Edna sits quietly in the back of our worship service each Sunday morning, but she is a blessing to us in her love for people and for God, in her humor and depth of faith, in her love of her city and her neighborhood. One of her neighbors on Stricker, Charles “Stink” Barden, says “She is the nicest person, and very funny. She would do anything for anybody. And I love eating her good cooking, especially her fish!”