

## Congregational Profiles

**Throughout 2006 we will get to know each other better as members of New Song Community Church as we profile various members of our congregation in our Sunday morning bulletin. We begin today with a wonderful lady we all know and love, Ms. Geraldine Roberts.**

### Geraldine Roberts

Ms. Geraldine Roberts was born in Talbot County (St. Michael's) on April 1, 1940. She said on a recent visit that the area has changed dramatically, but she saw that her grandmother's shack is still standing. As a little girl she remembers shucking oysters and picking crabs with her mother in Chestertown as well as picking strawberries and beans. Moving to Baltimore sometime in the early 1950s, she attended Booker T. Washington Middle School and Frederick Douglass High School. She raised three children, Anthony, Teresa (who passed away several years ago) and Portia, and has 13 grand-children and three great-grandchildren. Ms. Geraldine became a Habitat homeowner in 1999.

Ms. Geraldine describes herself as "a very passionate person" who loves her hugs, and all of us at New Song certainly enjoy receiving those hugs from her! She loves children, "especially when they're small," and she has always enjoyed babysitting and helping to raise others' children. And she is a good listener. When asked about some of her favorite things, Ms. Geraldine said "I love my TV and music, especially gospel and jazz, and I love to read. I love eating Animal Crackers and Sugar Daddies and chocolate or vanilla pudding." And of course she loves Ms. Glenda Mack: "We are like sisters." Something she does not like: cold weather!

Ms. Geraldine was brought up in the church and loves going to church. At New Song she likes how the congregation is very friendly. While she has experienced many hard times in her life, she trusts God and knows that he loves her and has sustained her. She quoted her favorite Bible passage, Psalm 100:1-3 - "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture."

Oh, and by the way, Ms. Geraldine is the godmother to Pastor Thurman and Evie's four children!

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