

Dr. Cherie J. Brown

Twice Widowed by the Age of Forty-Four And Thriving

Having had her own personal brush with death while mourning the loss of her husband, Cherie made the commitment to live. Her search for hope and permanent relief from the pain and confusion led her to the realization that not only would she live, but she would thrive.

The Widow's Might is the chronicle of her spiritual endurance during her recovery from the loss of her husbands. This *survivors' guide* was born out of her inability to find answers anywhere else but in the Bible and the desire to make available to others a practical approach to overcoming and understanding the grief of those who suffer a loss.

Cherie J. Brown is a wife, mother and grandmother. She continues to be actively involved in her local church and serves as a frequent speaker for the National Credit Union Administrations Small Credit Union Program, the Credit Union National Association's Certified Financial Planning School and a host of Church and Civic Organizations.

Dr. Brown obtained a Doctorate of Ministry from the College of Church Administration, Minnesota Graduate School of Theology in St. Paul Minnesota and Bachelor degrees in both Finance and Management from St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas. She holds the lifetime designation of SWCMS (Southwest Cuna Management School) for her accomplishment as a graduate of the challenging Strategic Management School. Dr. Brown brings thirty years of expertise to the Administration and Management of Churches and Ministries.

She has been the executive co-chairperson for the Texas Credit Union League's (TCUL) Financial Literacy Council, one of the original members of the TCUL Small Credit Union Task Force, and a member of their Financial Literacy Expert Legislative team. She wrote the charter request for Covenant Savings Federal Credit Union, where she served nine years as the President, and has helped to open ten other new credit unions. Her work has won her the prestigious Credit Union National Association's Founders Club award.

Recognizing the need for specialized ministries to those who have lost a spouse, Dr. Brown has opened her heart to the hurting. She hopes to add widow's sessions to the schedules of the nation's many Ladies Retreats.