



# Dianne Barker

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## Presentations & Conferences

### **Help! I'm Stuck and I Can't Get Out!** (5 sessions—Marriage)

Making a Good Husband (my story)

It's Hard for Everybody (overview of personalities)

Snares, Tares and Tumbleweeds (major stresses in marriage)

Golden Anniversary Guarantee (the surrendered life)

Twelve Keys to an Extraordinary Marriage (applying Scripture)

### **Living in the Joy** (4 sessions)

God's Purpose for Your Life

God's Plan for Overcoming Hurt

God's Program for Carefree Living

God's Power for Living in Joy

### **Safely Through the Bulrushes**

Biblical anchors for parenting the strong-willed child

### **Exhausted but Still in Pursuit**

Lessons in perseverance from the life of Gideon

### **Loving Cantankerous People**

Honoring God in difficult relationships

### **Blessings in the Briar Patch**

Learning to trust when we can't see God's purpose

### **I Don't Chase the Garbage Truck down the Street in My Bathrobe Anymore!**

Organizing for the Maximum Life

### **Living Above the Circumstances**

Survival kit for climbing higher

### **God Is Making Pearls**

Making sense of suffering

### **Feather Strength in Desert Places**

Encouragement for care-givers

### **Where's the Peace?**

My story...finding and following Jesus

### **Financial Responsibility**

Honorarium or love offering

Plus expenses (travel, lodging, meals)

## My Passion...

*Investing my life in people,  
encouraging wholehearted  
surrender to our faithful  
Lord, who is so worthy of  
our devotion and praise!*

## Women's Events...

- Weekend retreats
  - One-day conferences
  - Workshops
  - Luncheons/banquets
- (Sample CD available on request)

## Affiliations...

Christian Writers Guild

American Christian Writers

Graduate CLASS

(Christian Leaders, Authors,  
& Speakers Seminars)

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## What people are saying

As the women's ministry coordinator at Colonial Heights Christian Church, it has been my privilege and blessing to invite Dianne to minister to our ladies as our annual ladies' retreat keynote speaker and the following year as a retreat workshop presenter. Dianne's back-to-the-basics approach showed us that the timeless relevancy of God's Word has the answers for today's issues of marriage, parenting, and spiritual growth. She delivers both wisdom and knowledge with enthusiasm, joy, and humility. Dianne took the time to step into the lives of our ladies with her special gift of encouragement. Because of her willingness to be used by God's Holy Spirit, she was more than our "speaker," she became our friend.

**Angie Martin, Kingsport, Tennessee**

I have found Dianne Barker to be a lady committed to our Lord, faithful in her service, and above reproach in all her dealings. She is a blessing to many, a faithful friend, a talented, creative writer, and a genuine encourager. Dianne Barker is real! And she will be a real blessing to you!

**Tal Thompson, Director of Missions  
Holston Baptist Association, Johnson City, Tennessee**

*"Proclaiming  
aloud your  
praise and  
telling of  
all your  
wonderful  
deeds."*

Psalm 26:7

Dianne Barker is a woman "after God's own heart." She has a passion for marriage and family and has led in example for our own children and many young families whom she has mentored over the years. She is an excellent author, women's conference leader, and specifically a Proverbs 31 woman of the 21st century.

**Wanda Gouge  
Wilkesboro, North Carolina**

Dianne was the speaker for our 2005 Women's Conference (Thomas

Village Baptist Church, Duffield, Virginia). We were blessed as she shared God's Word with us. Dianne is a sincere, loving person who is committed to our Lord. God has given her a wonderful personality to communicate to everyone.

**Sarah Edwards, Johnson City, Tennessee**

I have known Dianne Barker for over forty years and have found her to be a genuine Christian and a true friend. As to her integrity, morality and character, her testimony has been impeccable. She is a wonderful speaker, and her expertise in writing is outstanding. Of her many traits, most impressive is her spiritual commitment. I highly recommend her.

**Charles "Toonie" Cash, Evangelist, Johnson City, Tennessee**

I have known Dianne Barker for over thirty years. She possesses exceptional skills as a writer and speaker. She has a deep desire to communicate God's truth. All audiences enjoy her captivating presentations. She is committed to Christ and to promoting God's agenda, not her own. I recommend her without qualification.

**Dr. D. Steven Gouge, Director of Missions  
Wilkesboro, North Carolina**

Dianne Barker is a genuine Christian, a prolific writer, and a person with great insight into God's Word. She has a deep walk with God, a daring faith, and an urgent desire to share the joy of her personal relationship with Christ her Lord. She is a blessing!

**Walter St. Clair, Evangelist, Orange Park, Florida**

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understands the challenges facing women today and presents with passion what she's learned about balancing simultaneous roles—wife, mother, care giver, mentor, writer, conference speaker.

Her experience qualifies her to speak and write about marriage, parenting, and persevering through hard places.

With her words and her joyful spirit, she communicates to women of all ages and places practical insights for living above the circumstances, relying totally on Christ for an abundant, overflowing daily walk.

At age seven, Dianne invited Jesus Christ into her heart as Savior and Lord. Being so young, she later had doubts until settling the fact forever, claiming the promise of Romans 10:13, that "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

A lifelong resident of Johnson City, Tennessee, she married her high-school sweetheart, James Barker—her best friend and encourager. They have two children (now grown) and served for several years as Marriage Enrichment leaders for Holston Baptist Association. She also has mentored young wives, sharing biblical principles for a flourishing marriage.

Dianne began writing for the Johnson City *Press-Chronicle* while pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in English at East Tennessee State University. After graduating, she accepted a full-time position at the newspaper, earning much acclaim as a news and feature writer. Her weekly column "Of Cabbages and Kings" was widely read.

An assignment to cover Billy Graham's historic Knoxville crusade (which claimed national headlines when President Richard Nixon attended) led to writing her first book at age 24, *Billy Graham in Big Orange Country*.

After leaving the newspaper to be a stay-at-home mom, she co-authored several books, including *Twice Pardoned* with Harold Morris, which quickly rose to number one on the national Christian best-sellers list. She also wrote *Living Proof* with Clebe McClary and *A Journey of Victory* with Walter St. Clair.

She has written for numerous Christian publications, including *Marriage Partnership*, *Christian Communicator*, and *HomeLife*. She is a contributing author to *The One Year Life Verse Devotional* (Tyndale).

Her soul desire is to walk daily in wholehearted devotion, declaring God's praise through the spoken and written word.

