

Janise Clarke Swaby

Janise Clarke Swaby spent the first eight years of her life with her grandmother, aunts, and uncles before returning to live with her mother, father, and siblings in the small community of Rowlandsfield, St. Thomas. From an early age, she was shaped by the values of faith, family, humility, and service.

Janise is the mother of four children, a role that has been central to her life and identity. Motherhood has taught her patience, strength, and unconditional love, while deepening her understanding of responsibility and personal sacrifice.

By profession, Janise is a teacher. For her, education has always been more than a career, it has been a calling rooted in service, care, and a desire to positively impact the lives of others. Throughout her teaching journey, she dedicated herself wholeheartedly to her students, believing that service to others is service to God.

After much prayer and reflection, Janise made the difficult but necessary decision to resign from the teaching profession to protect her mental health. This choice was an act of faith, courage, and obedience, grounded in the belief that caring for the body and mind God has entrusted to her is essential. As Scripture reminds us, “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?” (1 Corinthians 6:19 MEV). By prioritizing her well-being, she remains better equipped to care for her family and continue her journey of service. This decision marked a significant turning point in her life, one that has been essential to living with balance and purpose.

Janise’s life continues to be one of growth, reflection, and renewal. She is guided by the conviction expressed in the words, “If I can help someone as I travel along, then my living will not be in vain.” This reflects her desire to live a life of purpose, compassion, and meaningful service. She embraces the biblical reminder, “Let us love not in words and speech, but in action and truth.” (1 John 3:18 MEV).

She remains grateful for the lessons of her upbringing, the strength she has gained through motherhood, and the faith that guides her steps. Janise continues to walk by faith, trusting God’s plan for her life. Her journey is one of dedication to family, obedience to God, and a commitment to serving others wherever He leads. As Scripture affirms, “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7 MEV). Each day, she strives to live a life that reflects love, resilience, and service, trusting God to lead her forward.