

## Sharon Bonner

Sharon Bonner is married and has two daughters, four grandchildren and resides in Egg Harbor Township. She is a member of Praise Tabernacle where she is currently counseling in the area of sexual assault and domestic violence. Sharon worked and volunteered for the Women's Center of Atlantic County for 7 years and was selected as the "Best" Volunteer of Atlantic County in the year 2000. She is also a licensed esthetician in the state of New Jersey and graduated from Rizzieri Institute. She worked for McCollough Modeling Agency as a trainer in skin care techniques and make-up application for over 12 years; she worked for local salons and Dr. Kern a dermatologist in Brigantine.

Sharon's work experience also includes 17 years of food and beverage managerial experience in the casino industry of Atlantic City, management experience as a field executive for Aloette Cosmetics and managerial experience at Bell Telephone Company in Pennsylvania. Sharon graduated from Marple-Newtown High School in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, attended Atlantic Cape Community College specializing in Psychology and Business Management.

Sharon and her husband Mike also own and manage Mike B Cars in Hammonton, New Jersey. She continues to take courses that will help enhance her knowledge in the area of sexual assault, domestic violence, alcoholism, drug addiction and recovery from many addictions that plague our world and affects our society.

Recently I continued my education through a course given by Women's Center concerning Human Trafficking.

The statistics of sexual assault are staggering and often not talked about and include, one in 3 women have been inappropriately physically touched and one in 5 has been raped in their lifetime. One in 5 men have been inappropriately physically contacted and one in 38 raped in their lifetime.

All of these crimes are crimes of power and traumatize and impact their victims leaving them feeling shocked, afraid, and often blame themselves and carry the shame for the perpetrator, who most likely will continue until stopped. This ongoing problem is not focused on just women, but men, not just adults, but children, teenagers and adults, even nursing home victims.

All three crimes are crimes of power and prey on the most vulnerable and unprotected. Victims often know their attackers and trust is an issue, because the betrayal of trust

has led to the crime committed to the survivor in any areas, sexual assault, domestic violence or human trafficking.

Your pain as a survivor is real and if any of this sounds familiar to you, remember, you are important, there is help and there is hope. You may have waited for this pain to subside and it never has, and instead has led to secrets, depression, shame, guilt, anger, a sense of powerlessness, depression and desperation.

There is hope and there is help and it is my mission as a counselor to support and advocate for you in the privacy of a safe space anonymously in the church.

All information is private and you remain anonymous. Anything shared with me is not disclosed to anyone else and it is my privilege to serve in this way.

My cell phone number can be obtained by me in person, or through the church. Counseling is free and we set the time together.

I firmly believe the more information survivors obtain through counseling, the more likely healing can occur and will happen.

My mission is to listen with compassion, help in the process of understanding, and support and help the survivor to feel better, because you're important! And healing is possible.

You Matter, You Deserve Respect, You Have A Voice, You Deserve To Be Loved, You Can Heal, You Are Worth It, There Is Hope, There Is a Safe Haven, There Is Help And Someone Who Cares, There Is Today! You have a choice and a voice. You are in a safe environment with total anonymity. This is a free service appointed, approved and provided by the Pastors at Praise Tabernacle Church. You do not have to be a member of this church to come. This is an opportunity to have individual appointments and group sessions.

Please contact Sharon Bonner at (609) 926-0512 or (609) 517-1471 for an appointment. You are important and we care.

Thank you!