

**Please contact Kathy Chaffin at 336-407-3981 with any questions.**

Sunflowers Rising – a Davie County-based website ministry dedicated to “Spreading Seeds of Hope” – will hold its first event on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Hillsdale United Methodist Church, located at 5018 U.S. 158 in Advance.

“Giving Wings to Dreams” will start at 10 a.m. and last until 4 p.m. Kathy Chaffin, a former reporter for the Salisbury Post, Davie County Enterprise Record and The Tribune in Elkin, started SunflowersRising.com last summer. This is the first of several events she is planning.

Giving Wings to Dreams is free, though donations will be accepted. Lunch from Subway is being provided by a friend of the Sunflowers Rising ministry.

The event will feature inspirational/motivational speakers, special music by Hillsdale’s Worship Team led by Keith Burkhart and the official launching of the 10,000 Doves Project. Chaffin is collaborating with Shayne Madison of Clemmons on the art/word project “to spread God's hope, light, love and peace.”

The keynote speaker for the event is attorney/author Bob Crumley of Asheboro, who travels around the nation speaking about the business practices he followed to start the largest consumer law firm in North Carolina, achieve success as a real estate developer and create a music publishing and record company in Nashville, Tenn. Crumley will also be selling and signing copies of his book – “See The End First: 3 Simple Yet Difficult Rules of Success” – at breaks and after the event.

Others who will share their stories and spiritual insights include: Josh Barnes of Advance, assistant pastor at Hillsdale; Chaffin, a writer and inspirational speaker who works for YVEDDI in Boonville as the Yadkin County program specialist for the Senior Enrichment Program; Madison, an instructional coach with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction; Brad Thomas of Cornelius, the web designer who helped create SunflowersRising.com; and Steve Wiley of Cary, who recently left a secure career to start a management consultant company to inspire and empower organizations and individuals to be successful in

business and personal endeavors.

Chaffin and Madison will be selling prints of three of four 10,000 Doves paintings in the series so far: the Dove of Light, Dove of Love and Dove of Peace. Half of all the profits will go to local ministries. Chaffin will also be selling her inspirational FeatherQuotes at the event.

In announcing Giving Wings to Dreams, Chaffin said it is her hope and prayer that those who attend will leave inspired and motivated to achieve their dreams or the "divine assignments" God planted in their hearts – as well as rekindle any they may abandoned along life's way. "I especially want to encourage people who have lost their jobs, are unsure of their direction or are simply running low on hope, for whatever reason, to attend," she said.

Chaffin said Giving Wings to Dreams is also an excellent opportunity for high school and community college/college students to receive valuable advice and learn from others' experiences before launching into their own careers or seniors looking for more fulfillment in their retirement years.

Please email [Kathy@sunflowersrising.com](mailto:Kathy@sunflowersrising.com) or sign up for the event on SunflowersRising.com's Facebook page if you plan to attend so she can order enough lunches. Read more about the event on [sunflowersrising.com](http://sunflowersrising.com).