

CAMP MEETING 2026

HIGHER!

REACHING UP TO GOD



JUNE 15-20 2026

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE CAMPGROUND
HAWTHORNE, FL



Seventh-day
Adventist Church
SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

IMPORTANT CAMPGROUND INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

SABBATH CLOSED

Phone: (352) 481-3961

GENERAL STORE DAILY HOURS

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon & 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday Sunset - 10:30 PM

BREAKFAST / LUNCH SCHEDULE

Daily Hours Breakfast: 8:00AM - 8:50 AM

Lunch: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

MEDICAL OFFICE HOURS

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911





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WELCOME TO CAMP MEETING 2026!

Dear Southeastern Conference Family and Friends,

It is a joy to welcome you to this special gathering of worship, fellowship, and spiritual renewal as we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Southeastern Conference. Whether you are attending for the first time or have been a part of Camp Meeting for many years, we are delighted that you have joined us for this sacred week.

Our theme, "HIGHER! Reaching Up to God," is a call to deepen our relationship with Christ and pursue Him with renewed passion and commitment. As we gather together, our prayer is that each of us will be inspired to seek God more earnestly, trust Him more completely, and follow Him more faithfully. Through these experiences, we believe God will lead us higher in our worship, higher in our faith, higher in our love and service, and higher in our commitment to His mission.

Throughout this week, you will experience inspiring worship services, dynamic preaching, uplifting music, practical seminars, meaningful fellowship, and opportunities for spiritual growth for every member of the family. Most importantly, we pray that you will encounter the presence of God in a personal and powerful way.

As we celebrate God's faithfulness over the past forty-five years, we also look ahead with confidence, trusting Him to lead us to even greater heights in ministry and mission. May this week strengthen your faith, renew your spirit, and draw you closer to Christ.

Thank you for being a part of Camp Meeting 2026. We are honored to worship with you and look forward to all that God has in store for His people.

Come expecting. Leave inspired. Go HIGHER!

Dr. Michael K. Agyei Owusu
President
Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



monday



AFTERNOON

Noon - Check-in
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm VBS
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Robotics (Gym)

EVENING

7:30 pm - Evening Worship
8:00 pm - Pierre Francois

theme song

HIGHER IN GOD

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Lord take us higher higher in our faith
higher in service higher in praise
Lord, let Your spirit take over our hearts
we want to go higher, higher in God
Lord take us higher higher in our faith
higher in service higher in praise
Lord, let Your spirit take over our hearts
we want to go higher, higher in God
we want to go higher, higher in God

Vamp:
Lord take us higher
Lord take us higher Higher in You
Higher in You
(Repeat)

We want to go higher, higher in God (3X)

PR. PIERRE FRANCOIS

Executive Secretary

Pastor Pierre Francois was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and grew up in Sinai Church in Plantation. He attended both Adventist and public schools. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Development from the University of Florida, a Master of Divinity from Andrews University, and a Master of Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University.

For nearly two decades, Pastor Francois has faithfully served the Southeastern Conference. His ministry has concentrated primarily on evangelism, leading organizational change projects that have helped plateauing churches, and relevant authentic church worship. He has served as the Conference Director of Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Children's Ministries, and since 2022 he has been serving as the Executive Secretary of the Southeastern Conference, working alongside Conference President Dr. Michael K. Owusu and C.F.O. Pastor Emmanuel Charles.

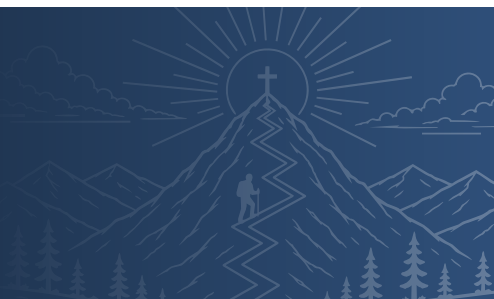
Pastor Francois is blessed to share ministry with his wife of 20 years, Dr. Erica Francois, a nurse practitioner specializing in weight management. Pastor Francois and Dr. Erica are the proud parents of two brilliant children, Nathan and Morgan.

His cherished scripture is found in 2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (NKJV): "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

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tuesday



MORNING

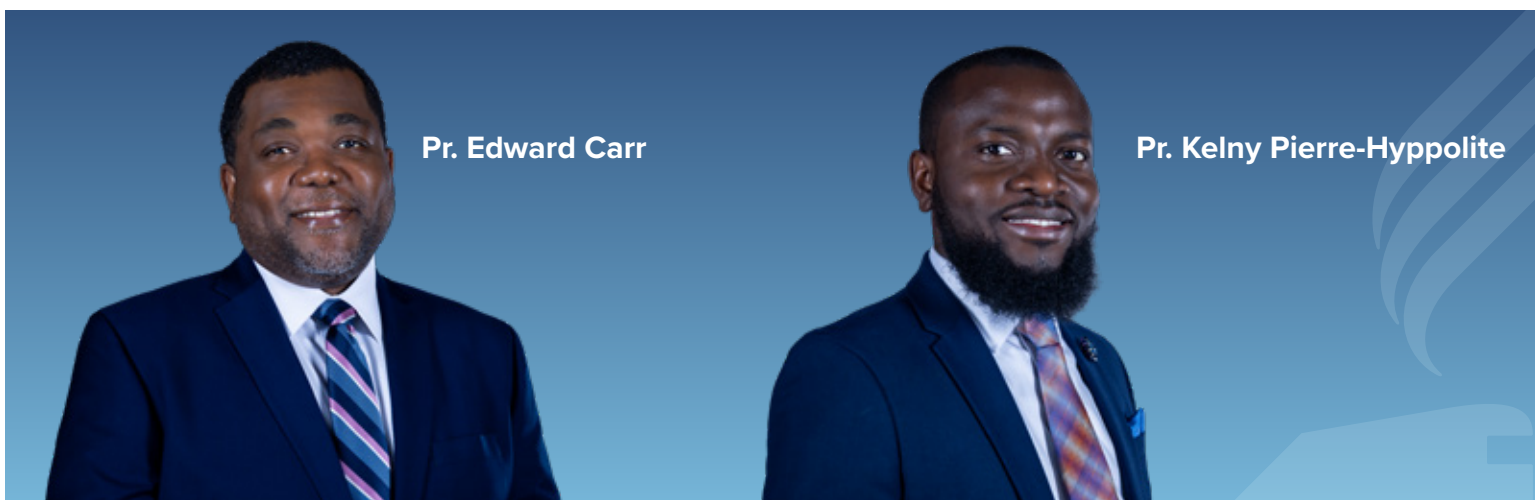
6:00am - 7:00am Exercise (Pavilion)
7:00am Morning Worship - Edward Carr
8:00am Breakfast
9:00am - 12:00pm VBS (Activity Center)
Protecting Your Money & Identity (Auditorium)
Robotics (Gym)
10:00am - 11:30am Youth Rap Session (Gym)

AFTERNOON

12:00pm Midday Worship - Kelny Pierre-Hyppolite
1:00pm Lunch
2:00pm - 2:30pm Sr. Exercise (Dining Hall)
2:30pm - 4:00pm Gardening (Dining Hall)
3:00pm - 5:00pm Recreation
4:00pm - 5:30pm Cooking Class (Dining Hall)

EVENING

7:30pm Evening Worship
8:00pm Tricia Wynn-Payne
8:45pm - 10:00pm Women's Reception (Dining Hall)
9:00pm - 11:00pm (Recreation Center & Gym)



PR. TRICIA WYNN PAYNE

Pastor Tricia Payne is a preacher of the gospel, teacher of Scripture, and servant-leader devoted to helping others encounter the transforming love of God.

Before entering full-time ministry, Pastor Payne served as a physical therapist. In response to God's call, she transitioned into pastoral ministry and has faithfully served congregations across the Lake Region Conference for more than fourteen years, including Chicago Shiloh, Indianapolis Tabernacle of Hope and Muncie Philadelphia, Detroit Conant Gardens, Detroit City Temple, and presently Ecorse SDA Church.

She previously served as Lake Region Conference Women's Ministries Director and currently serves as Associate Ministerial Director for the Detroit region, supporting pastors and their families through encouragement, pastoral care, and spiritual leadership.

Pastor Payne holds degrees in Anatomy and Physiology, Physical Therapy, and Divinity from Andrews University Theological Seminary and has completed Clinical Pastoral Education training.

An author and sought-after speaker, Pastor Payne is passionate about sharing messages of hope, healing, and renewed purpose in Christ. She is married to Shawn Payne, and together they enjoy family, fellowship, cycling, and serving others.

Her life and ministry are guided by John 3:16–17 — a reminder that God's love is both redemptive and restoring.

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wednesday

MORNING

6:00am - 7:00am Exercise (Pavilion)
7:00am Morning Worship - Siam Joseph
8:00am Breakfast
9:00am - 12:00pm VBS (Activity Center)
Robotics (Gym)
10:00am - 12:00pm Financial Plenary (Auditorium)
10:00am - 11:30am Youth Rap Session (Gym)
Ministerial Spouses (Dining Hall)

AFTERNOON

12:00pm Midday Worship - Dante Richardson
1:00pm Lunch
2:00pm - 2:30pm Sr. Exercise (Dining Hall)
2:30pm - 4:00pm Gardening (Dining Hall)
3:00pm - 4:30pm WM- Putnam Sheriff's Office (Auditorium)
3:00pm - 5:00pm Recreation
4:00pm - 5:30pm Cooking Class (Dining Hall)

EVENING

7:30pm Evening Worship
8:00pm Dr. Andrea King
9:00pm - 11:00pm (Recreation Center & Gym)



Pr. Siam Joseph



Pr. Dante Richardson

DR. ANDREA KING

Award-winning speaker and writer, Dr. Andrea King has been preaching since she was fourteen years old. Her ministry has taken her throughout the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, the Caribbean, the Philippines, and the continent of Africa; preaching and equipping people for a life of victory. Though she has traveled to many places, she calls Riverside, California home, where she serves as the Vice President for Black Ministries for the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Before serving as Vice President, Dr. King served as the Director of Communications and Media at SECC and a pastor for over 20 years. She is the author of two books: *Finding Christ* and *The Queen in Me*.

Dr. King is married to her partner in life, love and ministry, Dr. Kurt King. Together, they have two adult children, Laurn and Jonathan.

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thursday



MORNING

- 6:00am - 7:00am Exercise (Pavilion)
- 7:00am Morning Worship - Colma Duvra
- 8:00am Breakfast
- 9:00am - 12:00pm VBS (Activity Center)
 - Saving People with My Phone (Auditorium)
 - Robotics (Gym)
- 9:00am - 5:00pm Warehouse Training (Dining Hall) Pre-registered
- 10:00am - 12:00pm Wills Clinic (Dining Hall)
- 10:00am - 11:30am Youth Rap Session (Gym)
 - Ministerial Spouses (Dining Hall)

AFTERNOON

- 12:00pm Midday Worship - Eric Bennett
- 1:00pm Lunch
- 2:00pm - 2:30pm Sr. Exercise (Dining Hall)
- 3:00pm - 5:00pm Recreation
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm Sr. Banquet (Dining Hall)

EVENING

- 7:30pm Evening Worship
- 8:00pm Nikolai Greaves
- 9:00pm - 11:00pm (Recreation Center & Gym)

ALL-DAY

- 9:00am-6:00pm- Emotional/Spiritual Care-Provider 2 (Gym) Pre-registered



Pr. Colma Duvra



Pr. Eric Bennett

PR. NIKOLAI X. GREAVES

Pastor Nikolai X. Greaves, MBA, MDiv, is a preacher, international speaker, educator, and transformational leader whose ministry stands at the intersection of faith, purpose, leadership, and innovation. With a compelling voice for this generation, he is committed to helping people encounter Christ, discover their God-given identity, pursue excellence, and lead lives shaped by faith, discipline, and purpose.

He currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Mt. Pisgah Seventh-day Adventist Church in Miami Gardens, Florida, where he leads with a passion for preaching, discipleship, community transformation, and restoring hope. His leadership journey spans pastoral ministry, finance, higher education, healthcare, and community engagement, giving him a unique ability to connect biblical truth with real-life decisions, leadership challenges, and generational purpose.

Pastor Greaves earned his Master of Business Administration from Washington Adventist University and his Master of Divinity from Andrews University Theological Seminary. He also holds an Executive Leadership Certificate from Cornell University and is currently completing a Doctor of Business Administration in Strategy and Innovation at Capella University.

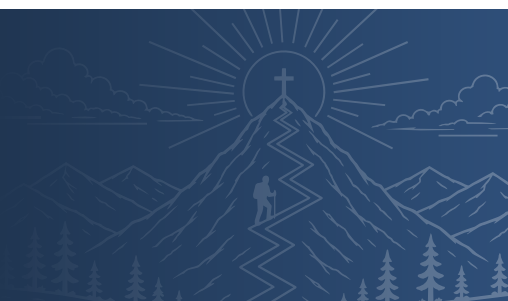
His ministry has reached audiences across the United States and internationally, including Cuba, Barbados, Uganda, Kenya, and Zambia. Whether preaching from the pulpit, developing leaders, or speaking into the lives of youth and young adults, Pastor Greaves carries a clear conviction: every person has God-given potential, every choice matters, and every future can be transformed through purpose, discipline, and faith.

Above all, he is blessed to share life and ministry with his wife, Abigail, and their sons, Zion and Zanwe.

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friday



MORNING

- 6:00am - 7:00am Exercise (Pavilion)
- 7:00am Morning Worship - Everton Stephenson
- 8:00am Breakfast
- 9:00am - 12:00pm VBS (Activity Center)
 - Emotional/Spiritual Care-Provider 2 (Auditorium) Pre-registered
 - Robotics (Gym)
- 9:30am - 11:30am Health Plenary (Auditorium)
- 10:00am - 11:30am Youth Rap Session (Gym)
- Ministerial Spouses (Dining Hall)

AFTERNOON

- 12:00pm VBS Showcase
- 1:00pm Lunch
- 2:00pm - 2:30pm Sr. Exercise (Dining Hall)
- 2:00pm - 4:30pm Active Shooter Tract 3 (Auditorium)
- 2:30pm - 4:00pm Gardening (Dining Hall)
- 3:00pm - 5:00pm Recreation
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Robotics Showcase (Gym)
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm Grant Writing for Beginners (Dining Hall) Pre-registered

EVENING

- 7:30pm Evening Worship
- 8:00pm Dr. Michael Owusu



Pr. Everton Stephenson

DR. MICHAEL K. AGYEI OWUSU

President

Michael K. Agyei Owusu was born and raised in Ghana. He completed his undergraduate studies in Theology, Biblical Languages, and History at Adventist Missionary College (now Valley View University) in Ghana and West Indies College (now Northern Caribbean University) in Jamaica. He later earned two graduate degrees from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan—a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry with a specialization in Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Dr. Owusu has served in pastoral ministry for 36 years, 31 of them with the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, where he currently serves as its seventh President. Prior to his election as President, he served the Conference for 21 years as a pastor and subsequently as Executive Secretary and Interim President. Throughout his ministry, he has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to spiritual growth, servant leadership, organizational excellence, and the advancement of the Church's mission. His unwavering dedication to faith, mission, and community continues to inspire and positively impact the lives of those he serves.

In addition to his ministerial service, Dr. Owusu has professional experience in both the private and public sectors, including work in the library system and higher education.

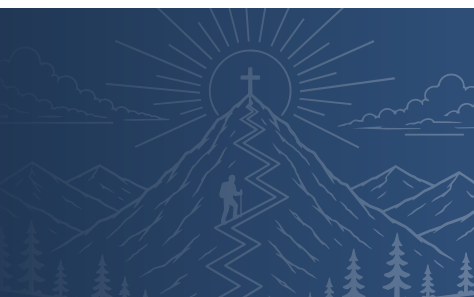
Dr. Owusu has been joyfully married for 34 years to his best friend, the former Brenda Minnis of Freeport, Bahamas. Dr. Brenda Owusu is a university professor and dual board-certified nurse practitioner in family and adult care. Together, they are blessed with one adult son, Michael Kwaku Adom Owusu.

Guiding his life and ministry is his favorite Bible passage, 1 Timothy 6:6–8 (NKJV): “Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.”

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sabbath



MORNING

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am - 12:00pm Children's Church (Activities Center)

10:00am Advancing Mission

10:30am Midday Worship

AFTERNOON

12:00pm Morning Service - Dr. Ron Smith

Youth/Young Adult Morning Service - Chaplain Rashid Taylor

1:00pm Lunch

4:00pm Mt. Pisgah Choir Concert

5:30pm Ordination Service - Dr. R. Clifford Jones

EVENING

8:30pm - 10:00pm Ordination Reception (Dining Hall)

9:00pm - 11:00pm (Recreation Center & Gym)



DR. RON SMITH

President
Southern Union Conference

Dr. Ron C. Smith, a native of Brooklyn, NY, is a product of Christian education and was mentored in the Seventh-day Adventist ministry by his late father, Pastor Doc Smith.

As a graduate of Oakwood University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and Biblical Languages, he pursued his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University, a Doctor of Ministry degree from Colgate Rochester Theological Seminary in NY in 1985, and a Ph.D. from the Fuller Graduate School of Psychology in Pasadena, CA, in 1995.

As a pastor, he has served congregations on the east and west coasts of North America. After serving for eight years as vice president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association and editor of Message magazine, Ron joined the Southern Union administration and served as executive secretary. Since 2011, he has served as the president of the Southern Union of Seventh-day Adventists.

He has been married to Yolanda for 45 years. They have two adult children who have dedicated their lives to introducing people to Jesus.

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CHAPLAIN RASHID TAYLOR

Pastor Rashid Taylor's journey in ministry is rooted in a deep, lifelong connection with God and His church. After his family joined the church during his childhood, he quickly developed a love for its teachings, community, and mission—something that would shape the course of his life.

That passion led him to Oakwood University, where he experienced a profound sense of calling and spiritual purpose. It was also there that he met his wife, Evyonne, and together they have built a life centered on faith, family, and service over 25 + years of marriage.

After graduating from Oakwood, Pastor Taylor returned to serve in his home church as a youth pastor. His commitment to ministry continued in Kansas City, Kansas, where he faithfully served in multiple roles, including AYM leader, Sabbath School teacher, couples ministry leader, and elder.

Answering God's call to pastoral ministry, he returned to Oakwood University to earn a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies. During that time, he began serving at the First SDA Church in Huntsville as an intern, later becoming the Youth Pastor—a role he continues to serve in today.

Pastor Taylor is passionate about sharing the love of God in creative and impactful ways. In addition to preaching and teaching, he enjoys sneaker collecting, traveling, cooking, and music.

His favorite scripture, Philippians 2:5–7, reflects the foundation of his ministry: a call to humility, service, and embodying the mind of Christ.

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DR. R. CLIFFORD JONES

R. Clifford Jones recently retired after 46 years of service to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church as a pastor (Northeastern Conference), educator (Andrews University; Oakwood University), and administrator (Lake Region Conference). Jones holds doctoral degrees from New York Theological Seminary and Western Michigan University. He is the author of several professional and scholarly publications, and, though retired, continues to mentor doctoral candidates and present in the area of mission and ministry to church leaders and administrators.



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45 YEARS OF FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE



Pr. James A. Edgecombe, Jr.
(1981-1988)



Pr. Jackson M. Doggette, Sr.
(1988-1994)



Pr. Roy R. Brown
(1994-1999)



Dr. Michael K. Agyei Owusu
(2020-Present)



Pr. Willie L. Taylor
(1999-2008)



Dr. Hubert J. Morel, Jr.
(2008-2016)



Pr. Gregory O. Mack
(2016-2020)

We honor with gratitude the visionary leadership of our presidents whose faithful service has shaped our past and continues to inspire our mission.

ordination/commissioning service



Processional	Conference Officials & Guests, Retired Ministers & Spouses Ordained Ministers & Spouses/Licensed Ministers & Spouses Candidates & Spouses & Escorts
Hymn	“STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS” Conference Family
Invocation	Dr. Nicolas Louis Haitian Ministry Director
Scripture	Pastor Emmanuel Charles Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
Introduction of Speaker	Dr. Michael K. Agyei Owusu Southeastern Conference President
Musical Selection	Southeastern Conference Pastoral Team
Ordination Message	Dr. R. Clifford Jones Oakwood University – Retired Dean
Presentation of Candidates & Spouses	Pastor Brent Waldon Vice President/Ministerial Association Director
Prayer of Consecration	Pastor Willy L. Taylor Former President (1999-2008)
Ministerial Charge	Dr. Michael K. Agyei Owusu Southeastern Conference President
Credentials	Pastor Pierre François Executive Secretary
Presentations	Pastor Brent Waldon Vice President/Ministerial Association Director
.....	Dr. Quernande Wells Ministerial Spouses Association President
Musical Selection	Southeastern Conference Pastoral Team
Remarks	Dr. Michael K. Agyei Owusu Southeastern Conference President
Benediction	Pastor Reynaldo Ojeda Hispanic Ministry Director
Greeting of Newly Ordained Ministers	Conference Officers & Guests, Retired Ministers & Spouses Ordained Ministers & Spouses, Licensed Ministers & Spouses



PR. ERIC BENNETT, SR.

Pastor Eric Bennett, Sr. was born and raised in Rochester, New York, the eldest of three children born to Eric and Denise Bennett. He is happily married to his wife, Andrea, and together they are raising four wonderful children: Ari, Ashlen, Eric Jr., and Eriana.

For Pastor Bennett, family is not merely a backdrop to ministry — it is the first place where faith is modeled, nurtured, and lived out daily.

CALLING & EDUCATION

Grounded in Christian education from an early age, Pastor Bennett graduated from Rochester Adventist Academy before sensing an undeniable call to ministry. In 2016, he fully surrendered to that calling, and in 2020 earned his degree through Oakwood University's LEAP Adult Learning Program — reflecting both his perseverance and commitment to spiritual and personal growth.

MINISTRY FOCUS

At the heart of Pastor Bennett's ministry is a deep passion for helping people encounter the transforming love of Jesus Christ. He is devoted to the mission of loving God, loving people, and making disciples.

His preaching is marked by biblical depth, practical application, and a consistent call to authentic spiritual growth. He does not preach merely to inspire emotion or impress audiences — he preaches to challenge hearts, strengthen faith, and move people closer to Christ.

LEADERSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

Beyond the pulpit, Pastor Bennett is passionate about building intentional discipleship pathways and developing the next generation of leaders within the local church. He firmly believes that spiritual maturity is never accidental, but cultivated through sound teaching, accountability, consistency, and intentional investment in people.

His vision is to help create a church culture where individuals are formed, equipped, empowered, and released to serve effectively in both ministry and everyday life.

NEXT GENERATION VISION

Pastor Bennett carries a special burden for young people and families. He is committed to helping the next generation develop a resilient, Scripture-rooted faith that can withstand pressure and remain anchored — not in culture, convenience, or comfort — but in Christ alone.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Outside of ministry, Pastor Bennett is a devoted family man who enjoys reading and staying active through basketball, football, and volleyball. He is also a passionate supporter of the Los Angeles Lakers and the Philadelphia Eagles — a combination that certainly keeps life interesting.

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

*"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint."*

— Isaiah 40:31





PR. EDWARD CARR

Pastor Edward Carr was born into a Seventh-day Adventist home shortly after his parents committed their lives to the Lord and embraced the message and mission of the church. Raised in an environment that valued faith, education, and service, he developed an early desire to serve God. As a youth, he aspired to become a medical missionary, seeking to unite the healing and teaching ministries of Christ. In later reflection, he recognizes that his early plans, though sincere, lacked a full dependence on God's leading.

After graduating high school, Pastor Carr experienced a decisive conversion when he came to understand that true success is found only in surrender to Christ. This marked the beginning of a deep and ongoing commitment to seek and follow God's will. His life testimony affirms the conviction that when God calls, He faithfully provides, and that trust in Him is essential to effective ministry.

Responding to this call, Pastor Carr pursued ministerial training at Oakwood University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology. Notably, he undertook this preparation while married and the father of two children, demonstrating both perseverance and commitment to his calling. He has earned a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies and continues to engage in professional development, including certification as a Prepare-Enrich facilitator and training in urban ministry, community chaplaincy, youth ministry, and conflict resolution.

Following his graduation, Pastor Carr was called to pastoral ministry in the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He has served as pastor of the Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tallahassee, Florida, Mount Olive Seventh-day Adventist Church in Quincy, Florida, the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bainbridge, Georgia, and currently Nazareth in

Live Oak and Macedonia in Lake City, Florida. In these assignments, he has been committed to preaching the everlasting gospel, nurturing spiritual growth, and leading congregations in evangelistic outreach in harmony with the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor Carr's ministry is characterized by a commitment to Christ-centered worship, evangelism, and discipleship. Having served in nearly every department of the local church, he brings a broad and practical understanding of church life. He has a particular burden for youth ministry, music ministry, and the cultivation of meaningful, participatory worship experiences that draw individuals into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Central to his life and ministry is his family. Pastor Carr has been married since 2003 to his wife, Winsome, whose partnership has been a source of strength and support throughout his ministerial journey. Together, they have two sons, Nathanael and Micaiah. He is committed to maintaining a Christ-centered home, recognizing that faithful ministry is grounded in faithful family leadership.

A guiding passage in Pastor Carr's life is John 14:1–3, which affirms the promise of Christ's return and the hope of eternal life. This assurance shapes both his personal faith and ministerial focus, aligning his work with the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to prepare a people for the soon coming of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Edward Carr continues to serve with humility and dedication, committed to the calling God has placed upon his life and to the advancement of the gospel ministry.





PR. COLMA DUVRA

Pastor Colma Duvra was born and raised in Haiti and immigrated to the United States in 1994. From an early age, he sensed God's calling upon his life, a calling that has faithfully guided his journey in ministry and service.

He is happily married to his beloved wife, Adeline, whose unwavering partnership and support in ministry have been a continual source of strength and encouragement. Together, they are the proud parents of four children: Shawana, Cassandra, Colma Jr., and Allen.

Pastor Duvra's educational and professional journey reflects a deep commitment to excellence, growth, and service to others. In 2005, he became a licensed electrician. He later earned an Associate of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from Keiser University in 2010 and obtained his realtor license in 2015. Answering God's call to pastoral ministry, he pursued theological training at Andrews University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion in 2019 and a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Ministry in 2024. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree.

In 2020, Pastor Duvra joined the Southeastern Conference, where he has continued to serve faithfully and passionately. He currently serves as the district pastor of the Galilee French Seventh-day Adventist Church in Immokalee, Florida, and the Maranatha Haitian Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lehigh Acres, Florida.

Pastor Duvra is deeply passionate about evangelism, preaching and teaching the Word of God, and building strong intergenerational relationships within the church community. His ministry is marked by humility, compassion, and a sincere desire to reflect the love of Christ in every aspect of his life and calling. He strives daily to be both a faithful servant of God and a genuine friend to all people.

His guiding scripture, Philippians 4:13, continues to inspire and strengthen his faith and ministry: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."





PR. KELNY PIERRE HYPPOLITE

Pastor Kelny Pierre Hyppolite is a devoted servant of God who was born and raised in Gonaïves, Haiti. He is the son of Mr. Charlot Pierre Hyppolite and Mrs. Sylvana Paul and is the youngest of nine children. Raised in a Christcentered home, his early years were shaped by strong spiritual values, discipline, and a deep sense of community and service.

Pastor Hyppolite completed his secondary education at the Seventh-day Adventist College of Gonaïves in 2006. He later pursued theological studies at the Adventist University of Haiti, where he graduated in August 2009 with a Bachelor's degree in Theology, earning the highest distinction, Summa Cum Laude. He was also recognized as the top student of his graduating class. Demonstrating a continued commitment to personal and professional growth, he is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) at Montemorelos University, integrating leadership, organizational development, and ministry effectiveness into his academic pursuits.

At the age of fifteen, Pastor Hyppolite began a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that laid the foundation for a lifelong commitment to ministry. Responding to God's call to preach and teach the Gospel, he entered pastoral ministry in 2010 as an assistant pastor in the Port-de-Paix district. He later served as a full-time pastor in Bombardopolis from 2011 to 2014 and in Jean-Rabel from 2014 to 2019, where his dedicated leadership and compassionate ministry positively impacted the lives of many. In 2019, he also briefly served as a chaplain at a prominent Seventh-day Adventist institution in Gonaïves.

Later that same year, Pastor Hyppolite relocated to Orlando, Florida, where he became an active member of the Guilgal Seventh-day Adventist Church. During his time there, he faithfully served as an elder for two years, continuing his ministry of spiritual leadership and discipleship. In July 2023, he was called by the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to serve the Haitian community in Jacksonville, Florida. He currently pastors the Salem French Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jacksonville and the Gosen Seventhday Adventist Church in Orange Park, where he provides pastoral care, spiritual leadership, evangelistic outreach, and community engagement.

Pastor Hyppolite has been happily married for eleven years to his beloved wife, Guetchmy Delima, a dedicated nurse who holds a Master's degree in Public Health. Together, they are blessed with two wonderful children, Netchmey and Andrew Kelny, who bring joy, inspiration, and purpose to their family life and ministry.

Known for his humility, integrity, and passion for ministry, Pastor Hyppolite is deeply committed to equipping believers to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. His ministry emphasizes holistic development—spiritual, social, and economic—within both the church and the wider community. Guided by faith, love, patience, and humility, he remains devoted to fulfilling the Great Commission and advancing the mission of God wherever he is called to serve.

Pastor Pierre Hyppolite strives each day to reflect the character of Jesus Christ in both life and ministry. His favorite Bible verse, Revelation 3:21, continues to inspire and guide him: *"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."*





PR. SIAM JOSEPH

Pastor Siam Joseph's story is one of calling, resistance, and ultimately surrender. Born into a rich heritage of preaching, he is the son of Hanson Joseph, a widely respected lay evangelist from St. Lucia whose ministry led hundreds to faith in Christ. From an early age, Pastor Joseph sensed the same divine calling upon his life — a calling that led him to pursue theological training at Oakwood University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theology.

Yet his journey into ministry was far from straightforward. After graduating from Oakwood, Pastor Joseph stepped away from ministry to pursue a career in law, enrolling at the University of Florida College of Law, where he earned his Juris Doctor (J.D.). He went on to build a successful legal career, practicing law for nearly two decades.

By every outward measure, he had achieved professional success and stability. Inwardly, however, the call of God never faded. What began as a quiet conviction in his youth gradually grew into a persistent and undeniable summons. Despite the demands, accomplishments, and security of his legal career, Pastor Joseph could not escape the growing realization that God had purposed something greater for his life.

After nearly twenty years in the courtroom, he made the life-altering decision to step away from the practice of law and fully embrace his calling into ministry.

Today, Pastor Joseph serves as a full-time minister of the gospel, walking in the very purpose that had pursued him for decades. In surrendering fully to God's call, he has discovered a profound truth: there is no fulfillment greater than living in alignment with the will of God. In this season of ministry, he is experiencing the deepest joy and contentment of his life.

Pastor Joseph later attended the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, graduating in 2023 with a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry (MAPM). He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree at Liberty University, with an expected completion date of September 2026.

He presently serves as pastor of Echad SDA Church and Coconut Grove SDA Church.

Pastor Joseph is married to his beloved wife, Liesel Sifflet Joseph, and together they are blessed with two adult sons, Jason and Imman, and one grandson, Miles.

Above all else, Pastor Joseph desires to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord and to invest his time, energy, and gifts into advancing the kingdom of God.





PR. DANTE KENSLY EMMANUEL RICHARDSON

Pastor Dante Kensly Emmanuel Richardson serves as a pastor in the Southeastern Conference, faithfully leading his first district over the past five years at Beracah First Haitian Seventh-day Adventist Church and Ephraim Haitian Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Born in Haiti to Pastor Ferol Richardson and his late mother, Anélia Metayer, Pastor Richardson is the youngest of three children, preceded by his late brother, Ralph Hansen Samuel Richardson, and his sister, Fède Anne Diely Richardson. Following the passing of his mother, his father later remarried Marie-Claude Valcourt.

Raised within a strong Haitian ministry context and fluent in English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole, Pastor Richardson's ministry reflects a deep commitment to bridging cultures while advancing the mission of the gospel.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Montemorelos University and a Master of Divinity from Andrews University. His ministerial journey has been marked by intentional evangelism, meaningful spiritual renewal, and baptisms through Christ-centered preaching and sound biblical teaching.

Pastor Richardson has also contributed to conference-wide initiatives, particularly in Haitian ministry coordination, while helping cultivate leadership development and strengthen community engagement within the church.

He is faithfully supported in ministry by his wife, Vitaliya, and together they are blessed with their firstborn son, Heli. Outside of ministry, Pastor Richardson enjoys soccer, cycling, and listening to the musical compositions of Hans Zimmer.

Grounded in faith and humility, Pastor Richardson continues to pursue God's calling with the confidence that "He who began a good work" will faithfully carry it to completion until the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6).





PR. NATASHA RICHARD

Natasha Richards is a pastor, chaplain, professor, transformational speaker, and founder of MpoweredMe, a faith-based organization dedicated to emotional healing, spiritual growth, leadership development, and personal transformation.

She currently serves as Associate Professor of Chaplaincy at Andrews University, Director of the Seminary Chaplaincy Study Center, and Director of the Post-Master's Chaplaincy Graduate Certificate Program. Her work focuses on developing emotionally intelligent, spiritually grounded, and clinically prepared leaders for ministry, chaplaincy, and pastoral care.

In 2025, Natasha graduated with a Master of Divinity degree and completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), strengthening her integration of pastoral theology, spiritual care, emotional intelligence, and clinical ministry practice. She was also inducted into Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society recognizing academic excellence in religious studies and theology.

With a ministry grounded in compassion, truth, and restoration, Natasha is passionate about helping individuals navigate grief, trauma, emotional wounds, identity struggles, leadership pressures, and life transitions through both biblical wisdom and practical transformation. Her work bridges the gap between spiritual care and emotional healing, creating spaces where people can heal honestly while growing deeper in their relationship with God.

As a single mother who overcame depression and personal adversity, Natasha ministers from lived experience, not performance. Her teaching and pastoral care are known for being authentic, emotionally grounded, spiritually convicting, and deeply transformative. She believes healing begins when people stop hiding behind survival and begin confronting the truth with God at the center of the process.

Her personal philosophy, "My obstacles are my opportunities," reflects both her journey and her ministry. Rather than allowing pain, setbacks, or adversity to define her, Natasha teaches others how to transform struggle into purpose, wounds into wisdom, and challenges into growth.

Through preaching, teaching, chaplaincy, coaching, retreats, conferences, and leadership development, Natasha equips individuals, couples, students, and ministry leaders to move from brokenness to wholeness, from silence to healing, and from merely existing to walking fully in their God-given purpose.

Her ministry philosophy is rooted in one conviction: God does not waste pain. He redeems it for a purpose. My Obstacles are my opportunities.



PR. EVERTON STEPHENSON

Pastor Everton Stephenson is a native of the beautiful island of Jamaica, born and raised in the district of Mt. Zion, St. Ann. He is the fifth of six children born to Joseph and Evadney Stephenson, in a close-knit family of four boys and two girls.

He pursued his theological training at Northern Caribbean University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Theology from the School of Religion and Theology. He later continued his studies at the Andrews University Theological Seminary, earning a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry.

Pastor Stephenson currently serves as pastor of First Church and Ephesus Church, where he is committed to preaching the gospel, nurturing spiritual growth, and serving his congregation with humility and dedication. He is faithfully supported in ministry by his wife, Tomeica, a devoted educator, and together they are raising their two children, Yana and Benjamin, ages 15 and 11.

Pastor Stephenson lives by the guiding words of Psalm 27:14: *"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."*



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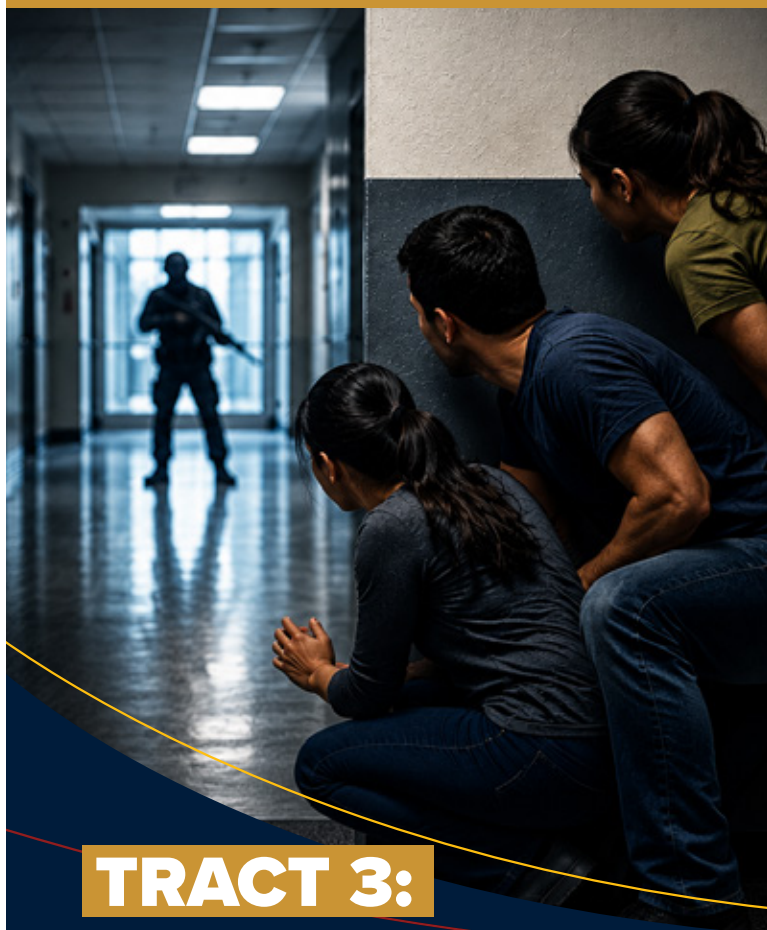


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Jennifer Sankey-Battles, Ph.D.

*Health & Disability Director,
Southeastern Conference of SDA*

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1st Sunday
11:00 AM - 12 Noon

*Ella Thompson
Co-host*

Women's Health

2nd Tuesday
7:00-8:00 PM

*Joylin Issacs-Shirley
Co-Host*

Mental Health

3rd Monday
7:00-8:00 PM

*Dr. Judith Gabriel
Co-host*

Disability Network

3rd Thursday
7:00-8:00 PM

*Melinda Wilson
Co-Host*

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1. Last Wills and Testament Package.
 - a. Last Will
 - b. Living Will
 - c. Health Care Power of attorney
 - d. Financial Power of attorney
2. Revocable Living Trust.
3. Lady Bird deed.

To avoid a messy legacy, we should plan for after our death by creating a comprehensive estate plan. These documents allow us to listing all assets/debts, and communicate our wishes to family. In doing that, we are leaving to our people something more than material things, THE GIFT OF PEACE. This gift is very important and acts as an emotional, mental, and spiritual refuge in trouble times.



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