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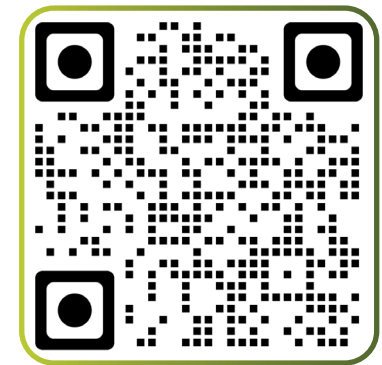
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Daily Schedule

Pastors' & Workers' Meetings

Wednesday, June 10

NOON

Lunch (Workers and Families)
Cafeteria

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Camp Meeting Workers' Orientation
Cafeteria

Thursday, June 11

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Presentation | Chapel

"Faithful and Efficient: AI for Real World Ministry"
Pastor Gershon Pancorbo,
SWUC Communications Director

Friday, June 12

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Presentation | Chapel

"Your Next Visitor Is On Instagram, Not Walking In"
Pastor Gershon Pancorbo,
SWUC Communications Director

Wednesday, June 10

11:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Registration | Welcome Center

7:00 – 8:45 PM

Opening Service | Main Pavilion

9:30 – 10:30 PM

"Happy Hour" Prayer Time | Chapel

9:00 – 11:00 PM

Snack Bar | Cedar Café

Thursday, June 11

7:00 – 8:00 AM

Morning Manna | Chapel

8:15 – 9:15 AM

Breakfast | Cafeteria

9:00 AM – NOON

Counseling Services | Admin Building
with Pastor Roger and Ivona Bernard

10:30 – 11:45 AM

Workshops | Various Locations*

NOON – 1:00 PM

Power Hour | Main Pavilion

1:15 – 2:30 PM

Lunch | Cafeteria

2:00 – 6:00 PM

Snack Bar | Cedar Café

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Workshops | Various Locations*

7:00 – 8:45 PM

Evening Service | Main Pavilion

9:30 – 10:30 PM

"Happy Hour" Prayer Time | Chapel

9:00 – 11:00 PM

Snack Bar | Cedar Café

Friday, June 12

7:00 – 8:00 AM
Morning Manna | Chapel

8:15 – 9:15 AM
Breakfast | Cafeteria

9:00 AM – NOON
Counseling Services | Admin Building
with Pastor Roger and Ivona Bernard

9:30 – 11:00 AM
Outreach Project
Oak Lodge Multipurpose Room
Community Services Ministries

10:30 – 11:45 AM
Workshops | Various Locations*

NOON – 1:00 PM
Power Hour | Main Pavilion

1:15 – 2:30 PM
Lunch | Cafeteria

1:15 – 2:30 PM
Senior Luncheon† | Cafeteria
Senior Adult Ministries

1:30 PM
Ministerial Spouses Dinner | Location: TBA

2:00 – 6:00 PM
Snack Bar | Cedar Café

3:00 – 4:30 PM
Workshops | Various Locations*

7:00 – 8:45 PM
Evening Service | Main Pavilion

9:30 – 10:30 PM
"Happy Hour" Prayer Time | Chapel

Sabbath, June 13

7:00 – 8:00 AM
Morning Manna | Chapel

8:15 – 9:15 AM
Breakfast | Cafeteria

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM
Sabbath Program | Main Pavilion

3:00 PM
Pathfinder Lineup
Cain Center | Athens

4:00 PM
Pathfinder Parade | City of Athens
In collaboration with "Puppets and Posicles"
Community Service Ministries

6:00 PM
Education Spotlight | Main Pavilion

7:00 PM
Sabbath Evening Concert | Main Pavilion
John P. Kee & New Life Community Choir,
Gayle Jones Murphy, SWRC Mass Choir,
Stephen Manders & Decree

9:00 PM
"Watermelon Fest"

9:00 PM
"Comedy at Camp Meeting" featuring
Comedian Jonathan Slocumb
Chapel

Sunset – Midnight
Snack Bar | Cedar Café

Sunday, June 14

8:15 – 9:15 AM
Breakfast | Cafeteria

9:00 AM
Lay Advisory Meeting | Chapel

**Workshop Locations can be found on Page 11*

†Special Luncheon for the Seniors with the Conference President (Luncheon is free for Senior Adults 65+)

BE GLORIFIED

As sung by Maranda Curtis

Be glorified!

Be glorified!

Be glorified!

Be glorified!

Be glorified in the heavens!

Be glorified in the earth!

Be glorified in this temple!

Jesus! Jesus! Be Thou glorified!







Morning Manna

7:00 – 8:00 AM
Thursday to Sabbath | Chapel

Opening Prayer
Praise & Worship
Welcome & Announcements
Prayer Circles
Introduction of Speaker
Special Music
Sermon & Appeal
Closing Remarks & Announcements
Benediction

Morning Manna Speakers

Thursday *Pastor Darchell Clark*
Friday *Pastor James Brown*
Sabbath *Pastor William Jordan*

Platform Chairpersons

Thursday *Pastor Harold Goodloe*
Friday *Pastor Darriel Hoy*
Sabbath *Pastor Raynell Smith*



Power Hour

NOON – 1:00 PM
Thursday and Friday | Main Pavilion

Opening Prayer
Praise & Worship
Welcome & Announcements
Prayer Circles
Introduction of Speaker
Special Music
Sermon & Appeal
Closing Remarks & Announcements
Benediction

Power Hour Speakers

Thursday *Pastor Andrew Mpita*
Friday *Pastor John Boston*

Platform Chairpersons

Thursday *Pastor Harold Goodloe*
Friday *Pastor Darriel Hoy*



Evening Service

7:00 – 8:45 PM
Thursday to Sabbath | Main Pavilion

Opening Prayer
Praise & Worship
Welcome & Announcements
Video Presentation
Offertory
Prayer Circles
Introduction of Speaker
Special Music
Sermon & Appeal
Closing Remarks & Announcements

Evening Service Speakers

Wednesday *Pastor Roger Bernard*
Thursday *Pastor Chandra Nunes*
Friday *Dr. Paul Graham*

Platform Chairpersons

Wednesday *Pastor Tyrone Boyd*
Thursday *Danielle Byrd & Janice Ford*
Friday *Pastor Wesley McNorton*
Sabbath *Dr. Christopher Manuel*

Evening Service Emphasis

Wednesday *Opening Night*
Thursday *Ministerial Spouses Association*
Friday *Youth Ministries*
Sabbath *Musical Concert/Presidential Charge*

Sabbath School

9:00 – 10:15 AM

Women's Ministries

Anysia Archibald, Presiding

10:30 – 10:45 AM

Personal Ministries

Pastor Tyrone Boyd, Presiding

10:15 – 10:30 AM

Children's Ministries' Presentation

Lawanna McCoy, Presiding

10:45 – 10:55 AM

Prelude of Praise

Special Music: DFW Ghanaian Choir

Divine Worship Experience

11:00 AM

Call to Worship *Dr. Cedric Belcher*

Introit *Theme Song – "Be Glorified"*

Invocation *Pastor Henrithia Hanslip*

Welcome *Dr. Carlton & Mrs. Danielle Byrd*

Praise & Worship *Myron Butler & Praise Team*

Intercessory Prayer *Pastor Jason North*

Musical Selection *Stephen Manders & Decree*

Video Presentation *Southwest Region Conference Media Team*

Worship in Giving *Elder Philip Palmer*

Musical Selection *Gayle Jones Murphy*

Introduction of Speaker *Dr. Carlton P. Byrd*

Musical Selection *Southwest Region Conference Mass Choir*

Sermon *Dr. Noah Washington*

Appeal Song *Myron Butler & Praise Team*

Benediction *Pastor Edson Joseph*



...a close watch on him, 20:35
...so that they might
...over to the power and
...him: "Teacher, we know
...you do not show partiality but
...the way of God in accordance
...Caesar or not?" 20:36
...their duplicity and
...a denarius.
...and to Caesar what
...to Caesar's," they replied.
...and to Caesar's," and to God what
...were unable to give him a
...but saw their inability.

20:28 ^{MS} Mt 25:5
20:35 ^{MS} Mt 12:32
20:36 ^{MS} In 1:12
20:37 ^{MS} Ex 3:6
20:38 ^{MS} Mt 22:41
20:39 ^{MS} Mt 12:34

Whose Son Is the Christ?

20:41-47p—Mt 22:41-23:7; Mk 12:35-40
41 Then Jesus said to them, "How is it that they say the Christ^o is the Son of David?⁷ 42 David himself declares in the Book of Psalms:
"The Lord said to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."⁸
43 "David calls him 'Lord,' how then can he be his son?"
44 "While all the people were silent,
Jesus said to them,
"How can you say that the Christ is the Son of David?
For the Lord says,
"I have said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."
45 "David calls him 'Lord,' how then can he be his son?"
46 "While all the people were silent,
Jesus said to them,
"How can you say that the Christ is the Son of David?
For the Lord says,
"I have said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."
47 "David calls him 'Lord,' how then can he be his son?"

...even Moses showed that the dead rise,
of Jacob. 48 ^{MS} He is not the God of the
dead, but of the living, for to him all
...Some of the teachers of the law re-
sponded, "Well said, teacher!" 49 And
no one dared to ask him any more
questions. 9
...for they are God's children, and
...in the account of the resurrec-
tion, for he calls the God of the dead rise,
of Jacob. 48 ^{MS} He is not the God of the
dead, but of the living, for to him all
...Some of the teachers of the law re-
sponded, "Well said, teacher!" 49 And
no one dared to ask him any more
questions. 9

THURSDAY WORKSHOPS

10:30 – 11:45 AM

Church Ministries **Cracking the Code of Your City: A Kingdom Blueprint for Explosive Church Growth** | John Boston, Presenter and Pastor Tyrone Boyd, Facilitator | *Chapel*

Every city has a story—and hidden within that story are the keys to transformational church growth. In this dynamic session, you'll learn how to exegete your city with precision and purpose—uncovering its spiritual climate, sociological rhythms, and unspoken needs. We'll walk step-by-step through a proven blueprint that helps you: discern what God is already doing in your city, identify overlooked opportunities for impact, align your church's mission with real community needs, and build ministries that people are actually searching for. This isn't theory—it's a practical, field-tested strategy that has helped churches move from plateau to momentum. If you've ever asked, "Why aren't we growing?", this session will show you exactly where to look—and what to do next.

Community Services **Overview of Adventist Community Service Disaster Response Operations** | Derrick Lea, Presenter and Pastor Darriel Hoy, Facilitator | *Oak Lodge Multi-purpose Room*

Learn how you can become an ACS disaster response volunteer! This workshop is an overview of ACS Disaster Response (DR) operations in regards to disasters, with whom ACS DR coordinates and cooperates, ACS DR organizational structure and job descriptions, and how to volunteer and deploy to a disaster assignment. This is the first of several courses to prepare leaders and skilled volunteers for disaster response.

Women's Ministries **Rooted Women Love Differently – Healing, Boundaries, and Healthy Connections** | Dr. Kim Logan Nowlin, Presenter and Anysia Archibald, Facilitator | *Cafeteria*

This powerful and encouraging workshop will explore how emotional healing and spiritual rootedness shape how women love, connect, and build relationships. Participants will gain insight into healthy boundaries, emotional wellness, self-worth, and developing healthier connections in family, friendships, ministry, and everyday life.

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Communications **Telling Your Story** | Pastor Gerson Pacorbo and Lori Fatcher | *Cafeteria*

One of the most powerful ways you can witness is by sharing your story with others. This seminar will help you gain skills to do this effectively using written and visual communication. Whether you want to post your testimony online or try to reach a wider audience, you'll learn principles for telling your story in a way that connects with and impacts others.

THURSDAY WORKSHOPS *cont...*

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Community Services **Adventist Community Services Disaster Response: Donations and Operations** | Derrick Lea, Facilitator | *Oak Lodge Multi-purpose Room*

All ACS DR credentialed, affiliated volunteers and personnel must complete this course. Learn more about the various types of disasters and ACS disaster response history. This course outlines the key components of donations management, and the importance of government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the public and private sectors ("whole community") working together.

Family Ministries **Going the Distance: Understanding the Distance** | Pastor Roger and Ivona Bernard | *Chapel*

Marriage isn't a sprint – it's a marathon. After years together, many couples find themselves functioning more like teammates or roommates than intimate partners. This two-session workshop is designed to help couples slow down, reconnect emotionally, strengthen communication, and refocus on building a lasting, fulfilling relationship for the miles ahead.



FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

9:30 – 11:00 AM

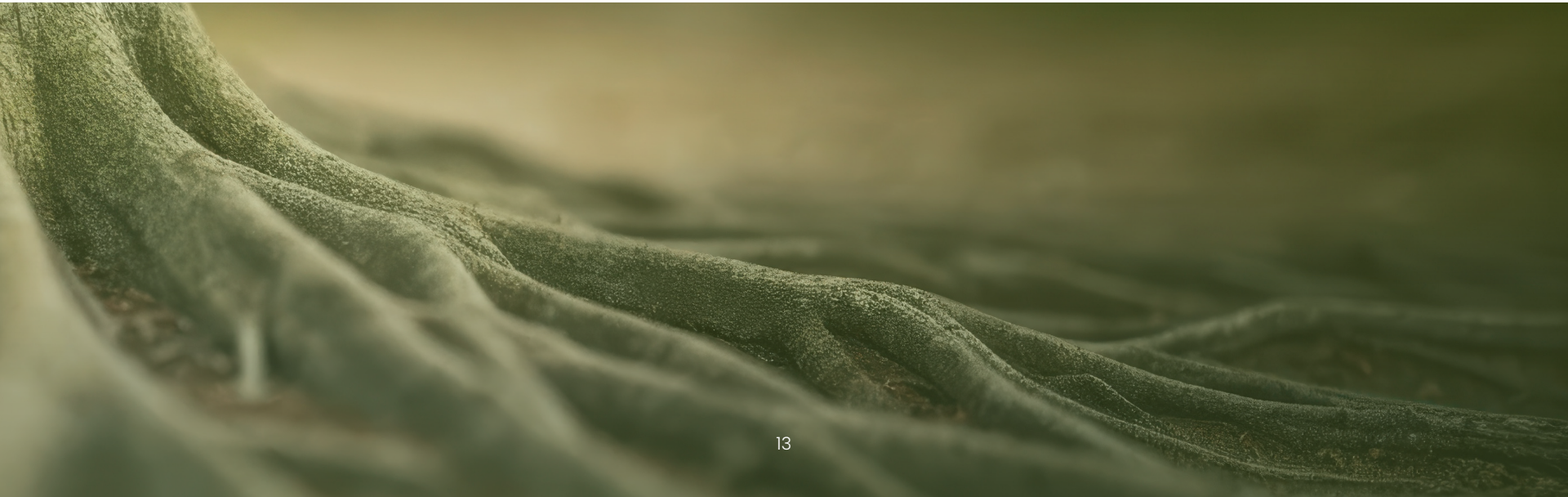
Community Services **Adventist Community Services & Youth Ministries Service Project** | Pastor Darriel Hoy, Facilitator | *Oak Lodge Multi-purpose Room*

Assemble blessing bags for Athens Love in Action Ministry to people experiencing homelessness. Athens' "Love in Action" is a homeless day center that focuses on providing five basic services: showers, laundry, hot lunch, and nonperishable food, and toiletry bags-to-go.

10:30 – 11:45 AM

Church Ministries **The Care Revolution: Building a Church People Can't Leave** | John Boston, Presenter and Pastor Tyrone Boyd, Facilitator | *Chapel*

Growth doesn't just come from attracting people—it comes from keeping, caring, and connecting them in meaningful ways. This powerful session reveals how to design a Pastoral Care Matrix that ensures no one falls through the cracks—while simultaneously creating a system that fuels sustainable growth. You'll discover how to: Map out strategic "connection points" from first visit to full engagement, create a scalable care structure that works whether you're 50 or 5,000, mobilize leaders and teams to share the shepherding load, turn intentional care into your church's greatest growth engine. When people feel known, valued, and cared for, they don't just stay—they invite others. This session will equip you to build a church culture where connection drives multiplication.





FRIDAY WORKSHOPS *cont...*

10:30 – 11:45 AM

Women's Ministries **Winning With Words: Conversations That Build, Not Break** | Dr. Kim Logan Nowlin, Presenter and Anysia Archibald, Facilitator | *Cafeteria*

Communication has the power to strengthen relationships or slowly damage them. This engaging and practical workshop will focus on communication styles, conflict resolution, emotional triggers, listening skills, and learning how to speak with wisdom, grace, and clarity in relationships, leadership, ministry, and daily life.

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Family Ministries **Going the Distance: Bridging the Distance** | Pastor Roger and Ivona Bernard | *Chapel*

Marriage isn't a sprint - it's a marathon. After years together, many couples find themselves functioning more like teammates or roommates than intimate partners. This two-session workshop is designed to help couples slow down, reconnect emotionally, strengthen communication, and refocus on building a lasting, fulfilling relationship for the miles ahead.

Communications **Publish with the Record** | Lori Fitcher | *Oak Lodge Multi-purpose Room*

The Record has undergone several exciting changes, making it even easier for local churches to share news with members throughout the Southwestern Union. In this seminar, you'll learn about these updates, what makes a strong submission and how the submission process works.

Children's Ministries Schedule

Wednesday, June 10

3:00 - 5:00 PM
Registration | Welcome Center

Thursday, June 11

9:15 AM - 1:00 PM
Gymnasium

3:00 - 4:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal | Gymnasium

4:00 - 5:00 PM
Activities | Gymnasium

Friday, June 12

9:15 AM - 1:00 PM
Gymnasium

3:00 - 4:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal | Gymnasium

3:00 - 5:00 PM
"Kids' Kingdom"
*Rock Wall, Obstacle Course,
Playground, Horseback Riding,
Splash Pad*

Sabbath, June 13

10:00 - 10:30 AM
Special Presentation
Main Pavilion

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Children's Church
Gymnasium Downstairs
Multi-purpose Room

3:00 - 6:00 PM
Boat Ride

Youth Ministries Schedule

Wednesday, June 10

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Registration | Welcome Center

NOON

Lunch

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Swimming | Pool

7:00 PM

Evening Service | Main Pavilion

9:00 – 10:30 PM

Gym, Swimming, Snack Bar

Thursday, June 11

8:15 – 9:15 AM

Breakfast

9:30 – 10:00 AM

Amphitheater

10:00 AM – NOON

Rockwall, Air Jumpers, Obstacle Course

NOON – 1:00 PM

Activity | Oak Lodge Multipurpose Room

1:15 – 2:30 PM

Lunch

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Lake Front, Horseback Riding, Archery

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Snack Bar

7:00 PM

Evening Service | Main Pavilion

9:00 – 10:30 PM

Gymnasium, Swimming, Snack Bar

Friday, June 12

8:15 – 9:15 AM

Breakfast

9:30 – 11:00 AM

Assembling Homeless Ministry

Blessings Bags

Oak Lodge Multi-purpose Room

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Horseback Riding, Archery, Rockwall,
Air Jumpers

1:15 – 2:30 PM

Lunch

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Lake Front

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Snack Bar

7:00 PM

Evening Service | Main Pavilion

9:00 PM

Youth Mass Choir Rehearsal

Gym

Sabbath, June 13

8:15 – 9:15 AM

Breakfast

9:00 AM

Bible Bowl | Chapel

9:45 AM

Sabbath School | Gym

11:00 AM

Worship Experience

3:00 PM

Pathfinder Lineup Cain Center

City of Athens

4:00 PM

Pathfinder Parade | City of Athens

6:00 PM

Education Spotlight | Main Pavilion

7:00 PM

Concert: John P. Kee & New Life

Main Pavilion

9:00 PM

Comedy Night: Jonathan Slocumb

Chapel

9:30 PM

Federation Basketball Tournament

Gym

OFFICE HOURS

*W.C. and Doris Jones
Welcome Center*

Daily

9:00 AM - NOON
2:00 - 5:30 PM
9:00 - 10:00 PM

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6829 FM-317
Athens, Texas 75752

MEDICAL, FIRST AID, EMT

If a medical or other emergency arises, please call the Camp Meeting Office at **(903) 675-4876** during office hours.

For a medical emergency (particularly after hours), please call **911**, or go to the nearest urgent care center, **East Texas Medical Center**
2000 S. Palestine Street
Athens, TX 75751
(903) 676-1000

FOOD SERVICES

CAFETERIA

Breakfast

Thursday - Sunday
8:15 - 9:15 AM

Lunch

Thursday - Sabbath
1:15 - 2:30 PM

CEDAR CAFÉ SNACK BAR

Wednesday
9:00 - 11:00 PM

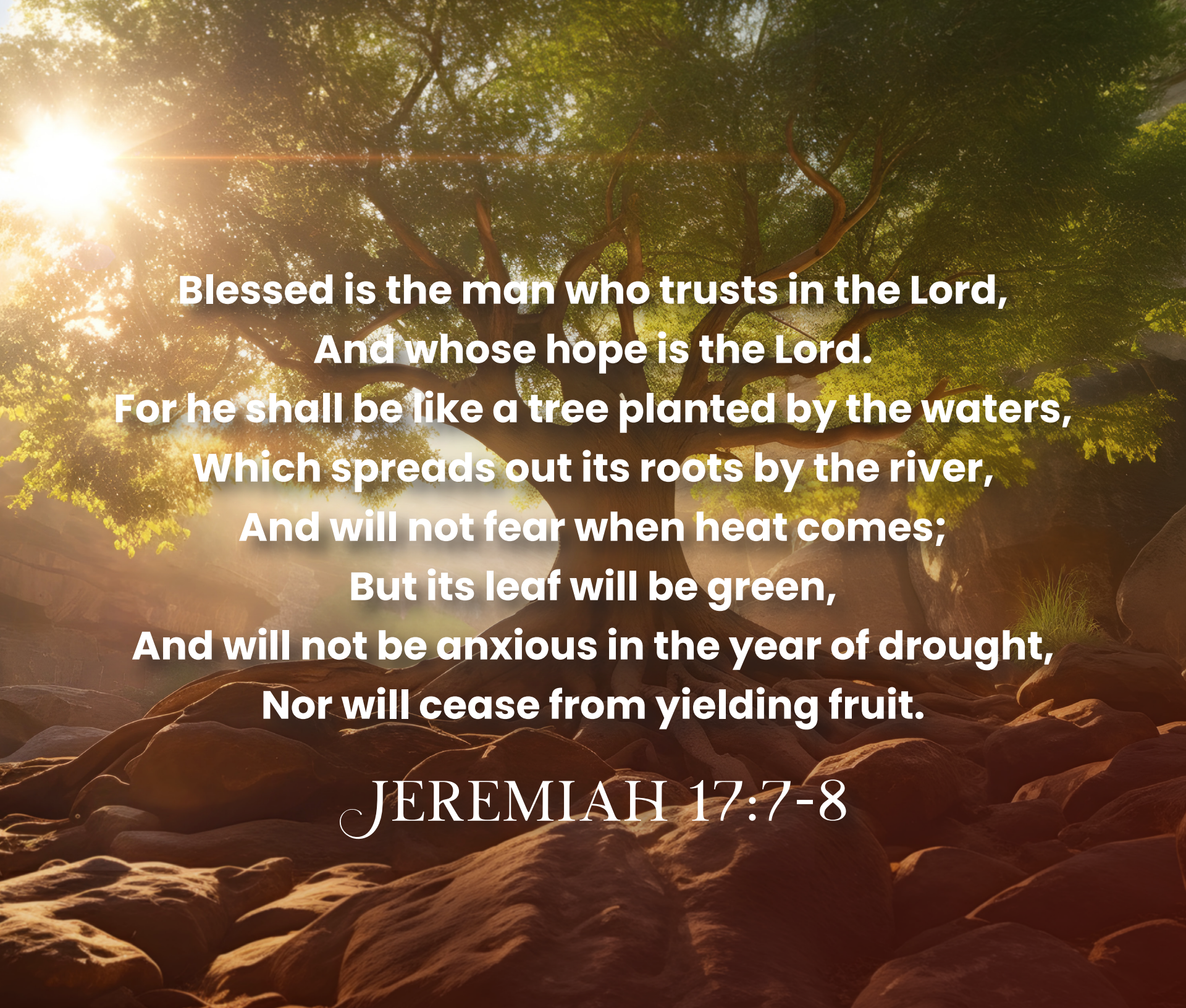
Thursday
2:00 - 6:00 PM
9:00 - 11:00 PM

Friday
2:00 - 6:00 PM

Sabbath
Sunset - Midnight

EXHIBITORS

Message Magazine
Oakwood University
Southwestern Adventist University
Texas Conference Adventist Book Center (ABC)



**Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
And whose hope is the Lord.
For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the river,
And will not fear when heat comes;
But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.**

JEREMIAH 17:7-8

Guest Speakers and Workshop Presenters



Dr. Noah Washington, D.Min has never met a stranger. While he enjoys making people laugh, he also feels called to help others push beyond their comfort zones.

That calling was shaped by a near-fatal battle with Lyme disease, an experience that clarified his purpose: guiding people beyond their limits and into a deeper understanding of God's will for their lives. This passion led him to found Inspiring Purpose®, a ministry dedicated to helping individuals live more intentionally in both life and relationships.

Dr. Washington holds a Bachelor's in Theology, a Master of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry in Family Ministry. He has served in several pastoral roles, including Maryland and Ohio, and currently serves as lead pastor of the Miracle City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Baltimore, MD. His ministry focuses on active worship, outreach, and meeting people where they are to help them grow in Christ.

A published author and adjunct professor, Dr. Washington is committed to helping others discover purpose through seminars, counseling, and coaching. His motto, "Your greatest place of pain is your place of purpose," reflects his belief that God can transform struggle into calling.

Outside of ministry, he enjoys time with his wife, Twila, and their two children, as well as basketball, music, and laughter.



Dr. Paul Graham, D.Min, a native of Brooklyn, New York, is a product of Christian education and has dedicated his life to ministry and teaching. He has served as a pastor in both the Northeastern and Potomac Conferences of Seventh-day Adventists and currently pastors the Community of Hope Church. In addition, he has had the privilege of serving as an adjunct professor at Washington Adventist University and is passionate about teaching at the collegiate level.

Dr. Graham is a Certified Life Coach and earned his Doctor of Ministry in Ministry Leadership from Liberty University. Alongside his pastoral responsibilities, he is committed to helping churches experience revitalization and has also served as Associate Director for Pastoral Ministries. His ministry experience spans over 25 years, including his time as lead pastor of Restoration Praise Center in Bowie, Maryland, and 13 years working extensively with youth and young adults in the New York area.

In 2002, Dr. Graham founded Full Circle Ministries to empower young people to engage in evangelism and meaningful activities that reach both churched and unchurched individuals. He is deeply passionate about teaching the Word of God and helping others develop a clearer understanding of the Gospel and a stronger walk with Christ.

Dr. Graham is married to Windy Spence-Graham, and they are the proud parents of two young adult children.



Pastor Chanda M. Nunes-Henry, M.Div., was born and raised in Toronto, Canada, by God-fearing Jamaican parents. She recognized her call to ministry at the age of nine and credits the church leaders who nurtured her gifts and entrusted her with leadership opportunities early on. She pursued that calling through her education, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies with a minor in Biblical Languages from Burman University and a Master of Divinity from Andrews University.

Pastor Nunes began her pastoral ministry in 2003 at the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alberta, Canada. From 2008 to 2015, she served in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference at the New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kansas City, becoming the first Black pastor in the conference and the first Black female pastor in the Mid-America Union. She was commissioned in 2011. In 2015, she was called to the Northern California Conference, where she served as pastor of the Capitol City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sacramento and became the first Black female pastor in that conference. She was ordained to the gospel ministry in 2018.

In 2020, Pastor Nunes became the first woman and first person of color to serve as senior pastor of the Pacific Union College Church, where she faithfully led through a global pandemic and regional wildfires with compassion, wisdom, and strong leadership. In 2022, she was elected Executive Secretary of the Nevada-Utah Conference, becoming the first woman and first Black female to serve in that role in a state conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Known for her dynamic preaching, administrative leadership, and pastoral care, Pastor Nunes continues to serve with excellence and a deep commitment to God's calling. She enjoys meeting new people, traveling, and spending time with her family.



Dr. Kim Logan Nowlin, Ph.D., LPC, BCPC, CCFC, ACAC, IAMFC, MFT, AAFLP—affectionately known as “Dr. Kim”—is a dynamic speaker whose engaging presence and powerful delivery leave lasting impressions on audiences. As president of Kim Logan Communications Inc. for more than 35 years, she has trained and counseled individuals from all walks of life, helping them become inspired and recognize how their words can shape their choices and transform their lives. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Special Education, a Master of Arts in Family and Guidance Counseling, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Oral and Interpersonal Communication and Clinical Family Counseling.

A nationally recognized inspirational and motivational speaker, Dr. Kim brings encouragement, direction, hope, and healing to thousands each year as she travels across the United States and abroad. She also serves as a professor of Speech Communication at Wayne County Community College District. In addition, she is a licensed professional counselor, a member of the American Counseling Association, and a certified clinician for the National Basketball Association.

Dr. Kim ministers to individuals and families through her work as a Christian therapist in private practice, often incorporating psychodrama into her workshops to create engaging and transformative experiences. She has also served as co-director of Family Life Ministries for the Lake Region Conference alongside her late husband, Elder Arthur Nowlin.

She is the host of Making It Work on the 3ABN Dare to Dream Network and provides counseling and inspiration through her talk show, Live to Be Well. Dr. Kim has also appeared as an expert panelist on the Dr. Nandi Show in Detroit, Michigan, and is a contributing writer for Message Magazine. A prolific author, she has written six books addressing relationships, faith, and personal growth.

Committed to service, Dr. Kim continues to share her message of hope through churches, schools, and community organizations. She is also the founder and director of God’s Hands of Praise Gospel Sign Language Choir.



W. Derrick Lea serves as Director of Adventist Community Services for the North American Division, where he provides leadership in Disaster Response, Emotional and Spiritual Care, and the Young Adults Emergency Services Corps. His work reflects a lifelong commitment to service and crisis response.

Mr. Lea retired in 2011 as Deputy Chief of Operations for the Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department after more than 20 years of dedicated service. Building on his extensive background in public safety, he began consulting and developing response strategies for organizations. This work led to an invitation from Islamic Relief USA, one of the largest Muslim nonprofit organizations in the country, to establish and lead its Disaster Response Team. Following three years of impactful service assisting communities in crisis, he was appointed to oversee all U.S. programs, including Community Engagement, Grants, and Disaster Relief.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Mr. Lea remains actively involved in national and community service initiatives. He serves on the Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee for the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), is a board member of the Community Blessings Center in Danville, Virginia, and previously served as chair of the Maryland Emotional Spiritual Care Committee. He holds certifications as an EMT-B, Hazmat II technician, and executive-level credentials in county government.

Mr. Lea has been married for more than 20 years and is the father of two adult children. His favorite Bible promise is Proverbs 3:6: “In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”



Pastor Roger and Ivona Bernard have shared a life of faith, love, and ministry throughout their 38 years of marriage. Together, they have faithfully served for more than 33 years in the Southwest Region, Bermuda, and Central States Conferences, impacting countless lives through their dedication, leadership, and commitment to ministry.

Their journey has been marked by a deep passion for serving others and advancing God’s work through partnership in ministry. Whether supporting churches, families, or communities, the Bernards have remained devoted to uplifting and encouraging those around them. They are also the proud parents of three daughters—Bria, Braelyn, and McKenzie—who remain a cherished blessing in their lives.



John T. Boston II is a humanitarian leader, pastor, and strategist with more than 20 years of experience serving communities in crisis around the world. From swimming with humpback whales in the South Pacific to tracking cheetahs in East Africa, his global experiences are matched by his commitment to people—providing support in conflict and disaster zones from Syria and Lebanon to Ukraine, Haiti, and Chicago. He is widely recognized for identifying solutions in some of the world’s most complex and vulnerable contexts through humanitarian work, philanthropy, and collaborative leadership.

In 2015, Boston was appointed to President Barack Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper initiative as an interfaith leader representing Columbus, Ohio. He has also served as a sworn chaplain for the Columbus Division of Police and was selected as the only faith leader to participate in the U.S. Department of Defense’s 87th Joint Civilian Orientation Conference.

Following international service in Australia, he returned to the United States to serve as an associate professor and guest lecturer, equipping graduate students through practical ministry engagement. His philanthropic initiatives have generated millions of dollars in resources for underserved communities, including refugees and victims of war and natural disasters.

While serving on Chicago’s South Side, Boston led innovative, community-centered efforts in partnership with Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church, addressing human trafficking, supporting families, and creating safe spaces for youth. His leadership brought together churches, law enforcement, and civic leaders to confront violence and provide critical care for affected families.

John holds a Master’s degree in Peace and Social Justice and is a Doctor of Missiology candidate, focusing on urban community development and crisis management. He is married to Karla Boston and is the proud father of their daughter, Riley.



Pastor Gerson Pancorbo Gerson Pancorbo serves as Communications Director for the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, supporting the conferences, institutions, and ministries of the union through strategic communication, storytelling, digital outreach, and media initiatives. Alongside his wife, Priscila, and their children, Shiloh and Genesis, he is passionate about ministry, evangelism, and helping organizations communicate in ways that connect people with Jesus.



Lori Futcher has devoted her career to sharing life-changing stories through both faith-based and secular outlets, with articles appearing in more than 200 magazines and digital platforms. She currently serves as editor of Record magazine and has previously worked as Guide editor and as a columnist for the Adventist Review. Having recently completed her Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction Writing, Lori especially enjoys opportunities to encourage aspiring storytellers as they develop their craft.

Musical Guests



JOHN P. KEE & THE NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR

John P. Kee is a highly influential gospel artist, pastor, and songwriter whose life and ministry reflect faith, resilience, and the transformative power of music. Born June 4, 1962, in Durham, North Carolina, he grew up in a large family as the 15th of 16 children and displayed musical talent at an early age. He studied at the North Carolina School of the Arts and later at the Yuba College Conservatory of Music, where he further developed his gift.

Despite early success, Kee faced significant personal challenges, including struggles with homelessness, substance abuse, and street life. His life took a decisive turn after a tragic incident involving a close friend, leading him to recommit his life to God and pursue ministry through music. In 1987, he founded the New Life Community Choir, which became a cornerstone of his musical and evangelistic outreach. Known as the “Prince of Gospel Music,” Kee blends traditional gospel with contemporary R&B and soul, creating a sound that has resonated with audiences worldwide for more than three decades. He has released over 20 albums, including *Show Up*, *Strength*, *The Legacy Project*, and *Level Next*, earning numerous accolades such as Stellar Awards, Grammy nominations, and a Soul Train Award. His songs, including “Jesus Is Real” and “Stand,” remain staples in gospel music.

In addition to his music career, Kee serves as pastor of the New Life Fellowship Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is deeply committed to community outreach and mentorship. Through his ministry and philanthropy, he continues to inspire lives with a message of hope, redemption, and the love of Christ.



STEPHEN MANDERS & DECREE

Stephen Manders is a gifted musician, composer, and worship leader who currently serves as Minister of Music for Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Alabama, and as Musical Director for New Life Baptist Church in Athens, Alabama. Known for his excellence in music ministry, he has also served as musical director for major events such as the Spring Into Praise Conference and the Festival of Hymns in Bermuda.

Since 2009, Manders has been writing and producing music that uplifts and inspires. His composition “Under His Wings” has been published by GIA Publications, and he has collaborated with notable artists including the Oakwood University Aeolians, Patrick Lundy, James Fortune, and Kevin Terry. His work reflects a deep commitment to worship and musical excellence.

Together with his group, Stephen Manders & Decree, he has gained national recognition through powerful releases such as “Adoration,” which has reached over one million viewers across platforms including BET and The Shade Room. In 2022, the group released their debut album, *The Journey, Vol. 1*, featuring acclaimed artists such as Jonathan Nelson, Lena Byrd Miles, Candy West, and Zacardi Cortez. Through his ministry, Stephen Manders is dedicated to creating music that glorifies God and impacts lives around the world. of hope, redemption, and the love of Christ.



MYRON BUTLER

Myron Butler is a Grammy Award–winning gospel artist, producer, author, and music director whose influence has shaped contemporary gospel music for more than two decades. A Dallas–based musician, Butler began playing piano at the age of eight and rose to prominence working with leading gospel artists such as Kirk Franklin, Yolanda Adams, and Donnie McClurkin before launching his own group, Myron Butler & Levi.

In 2005, Butler introduced his group with the acclaimed album *Set Me Free*, which earned multiple Stellar Awards and a Grammy nomination. The group continued its success with projects such as *Stronger* and *Revealed...Live in Dallas*, ultimately reaching the top of the Billboard Gospel Albums chart with *On Purpose* in 2016. Known for their dynamic sound and powerful ministry, Myron Butler & Levi have become a staple in gospel music.

Beyond his work as a recording artist, Butler has written and produced for notable artists including Marvin Sapp and Tamela Mann. He is also the author of *Born Identity*, a book encouraging readers to discover purpose and identity through faith. His solo projects, including *Worship* and *My Tribute*, further reflect his heart for authentic praise and worship.

Committed to ministry and mentorship, Butler continues to serve the church through music, leadership, and the development of emerging gospel artists. He is grateful for the support of his family as they partner with him in ministry.



GALE JONES MURPHY

Gale Jones Murphy is an accomplished musician, educator, and composer whose lifelong dedication to music began at an early age. Born in Brooklyn, New York, and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, she began playing the piano at just three years old and was serving as a church pianist by the age of five. She earned a Bachelor of Music Education in piano and voice from Southern Adventist University and later completed a Master of Music in Piano Performance from the University of Memphis.

Mrs. Murphy has earned recognition in music education circles as a skilled instructor of piano, choral conducting, and vocal pedagogy. She formerly served as a music educator at Forest Lake Adventist Academy and now holds the position of Director of Music and Education for the Negro Spiritual Scholarship Foundation of Orlando, where she continues to preserve and promote the rich heritage of sacred music.

In addition to her educational leadership, Murphy serves as an appointed pianist and clinician for the renowned Hampton Ministers' Conference and Choir Directors' and Organists' Guild in Hampton, Virginia. Her contributions to music extend into composition, with more than 450 original works and numerous art and recital song arrangements to her credit.

Through her teaching, performance, and compositions, Gale Jones Murphy continues to inspire generations with her passion for excellence and her commitment to music ministry.



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