



We believe that the South Central Conference Office exists to strengthen and support the mission and ministry of the churches in the South Central Conference. Therefore, the South Central Conference Church Ministries & Mission Development De-

partment exists to assist pastors and their church leaders in leading their churches to become more Spirit-led and mission-driven. We do this by providing pastors and their church leaders with ministry coaching and support in five fundamental areas of Church Development: 1) Prayer

Development, 2) Mission Development, 3) Spiritual Gifts Development, 4) Small Groups Development, and 5) Ministry Development. When engaged sequentially, these become one fivefold strategy for leading churches to become more Spirit-led and mission-driven.

PRAYER DEVELOPMENT

How to become a living, working Church

Ellen White writes: “The religion of Christ means more than the forgiveness of sin; it means that sin is taken away, and that the vacuum is filled with the Spirit. It means that the mind is divinely illumined, that the heart is emptied of self, and filled with the presence of Christ. When this work is done for church members, the church will be a living, working church....The baptism of the Holy Spirit, and nothing less, can bring us to this place” (Review and Herald, June 10, 1902). In other words, she’s saying for our churches to be “Mission-driven,” we must first become “Spirit-filled!”

Therefore, we began the year with

our UPPER ROOM Conference, and are now continuing with UPPER ROOM Small Groups, all to assist pastors and their church leaders in leading their churches to become more Spirit-led and Mission-driven. Altogether, there are now 6 SCC churches/districts—the New Life (Nashville, TN), Lima Drive (Lexington, KY), and Longview Heights (Memphis, TN) churches; and the Natchez-Woodville, Gulfport-Mobile, and Pensacola-Atmore districts, who have completed, or are currently engaged in, UPPER ROOM emphases where members are praying to be born of the Spirit, filled with the Spirit, and led by the Spirit into mission!



An 8-week UPPER ROOM journey can easily occur during your church’s weekly Prayer Meeting. Our Church Ministries & Mission Development Team will provide free copies of the book “The Baptism of the Holy Spirit” for each participant, and if desired, a facilitator to conduct the series. Simply contact our office at 615.226.6500 Ext 133 or by email at ffordham@scc-sda.org to schedule your UPPER ROOM experience.

THE SCC CHURCH MINISTRIES



DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES GUIDE

MISSION DEVELOPMENT

When members are not clear on “what” their church exists to do (mission), and “how” their church does it (strategy), can we expect them to be fully-functioning “mission-driven” participants? One of the basic benefits of going through our SCC recommended Spirit-led,

Mission-driven church restructuring process, is to provide this kind of clarity to both members and leaders. Here are the “mission-strategies” of three of our South Central Confer-

ence Churches who are engaged in the mission development process:

South Nashville, Nashville, TN

1. **LOVE GOD**—leading people to connect with Jesus through prayer, worship, and Bible study.
2. **LOVE THE CHURCH**—supporting people in strengthening their connection with God by connecting with others.
3. **LOVE THE WORLD**—serving the needs of people, in practical ways, through our connection with God and others.

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Maranatha, Gulfport MS & New Hope, Mobile, AL District

1. **UNITE**—blending genuine repentance and brave confession with earnest commitment to God and one another by the power of the Holy Spirit continually.
2. **IGNITE**—experiencing the baptism of the Holy Spirit daily, individually and corporately, through worship, praise, prayer, and the study of God’s word.
3. **INVITE**—extending an invitation to others to be part of Christ’s family through lovingly meeting their physical and spiritual needs.

Word of Life, Memphis, TN

1. We **REACH UP** to connect with our Creator and Redeemer; to be filled with His Spirit through worship and prayer.
2. We **REACH IN** to connect with one another to engage, equip and empower through fellowship and Christ-centered teaching.
3. We **REACH OUT** to connect with our community by revealing the abundant love of God through service and sharing the good news.

through an 8-week cohort to help them discover their Ministry S.H.A.P.E. If you are interested in being a part of the first South Central Conference cohort, please contact jeddings@scc-sda.org. Space

is limited to the first 50 people who register, so take advantage of this opportunity now.

Pastor Paul Goodridge
Assistant CMMD Director

PRISON MINISTRY

We are pleased to welcome to our Church Ministries & Mission Development Team **Pastor Ricky Wade**, assistant pastor of the New Life SDA Church in Huntsville AL, as our new South Central Conference Prison Ministry Leader! Pastor Wade says, “Prison ministry is personal for me because I know firsthand what it means to be stripped of your dignity and pride because of a bad decision. It means that you hit bottom, one that is lonely and surrounded by others who have made bad decisions. It means looking for a friend in a place where true friendship is difficult to find. Jail and prison are two places where choices are reduced to a minimum and trust is a rare commodity. The search



for a meaningful purpose that involves worship and fellowship and studies that reveal God happen regularly. Every inmate is looking for purpose, a place to fit in that has meaning and a sense of belonging. They long for family and seek opportunities to be wanted.

Prison ministry is a place where we can provide love and truth that sets people free.”

There are many ways that churches can engage in prison ministry, from putting funds on an inmate’s phone card and simply listening during regular calls, to writing words of encouragement in weekly letters. For training, support, or more practical prison ministry ideas, you can reach Pastor Ricky Wade at rwade@scc-sda.org.



SMALL GROUPS DEVELOPMENT

Consider using the book *Spirit-Filled Small Groups* by Dennis Smith as a follow-up to your church’s UPPER ROOM study of *The Baptism of the Holy Spirit* by Dennis Smith. The resource introduces the Small Group ministry concept while emphasizing the need to continue praying for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit daily. The e-book version is only \$3.

MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES

We are also pleased to welcome to our Church Ministries & Mission Development Team **Pastor Christian Borbon**, pastor of the Mt. Olive (Anniston AL) and Ebenezer Spanish (Gadsden AL) churches, as our new South Central Conference Multi-Cultural Liaison! Pastor Borbon, originally from the Dominican Republic, has been serving in ministry for 17 years, both in the Northeastern and South Central Conferences. He has a great passion for igniting souls for Christ and serving the brotherhood,

and says his greatest desire is to receive his Savior in glory with his family and brothers in faith! As a member of the Church Ministries & Mission Development Team, Pastor Borbon will take the lead in connecting with our Spanish, Haitian, Korean, and indigenous African congregations to assist their pastors and church leaders in becoming more Spirit-led and mission-driven.



SPIRITUAL GIFTS DEVELOPMENT

It’s Time to Get in S.H.A.P.E.

As part of the objectives and mission of the Church Ministries and Mission Development Department, we want to see members engaged in meaningful, spirit-led ministry designed to fulfill the mission of the

local church. To this end, we invite you to consider getting in S.H.A.P.E. While Curtis and Paula Eakins would enthusiastically support you getting into physical shape, I am inviting you to get into Ministry S.H.A.P.E. I am inviting you to discover where

you best fit in ministry according to your S.H.A.P.E. (Spiritual Gifts, Heart Passion, Abilities, Personality or Personal Style, and Experiences).

In the coming months, the Church Ministries and Mission Development Department will lead individuals



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HEALTH MINISTRIES



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Upcoming Events

June 15–18, SCC in-person Camp Meeting

July 2, 9 and 16 (7pm), SCC Constituency Session UPPER ROOM Prayer Meetings.
(More info to come)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

SCC Camp Meeting Children's Program

LOCATION: Oakwood University Church
5500 Adventist Blvd. NW, Huntsville, AL 35896
CHECK-IN TEMPLATE: Jasper Canyon
DATE: 6/16/2022/-/6/18/2022

DESCRIPTION: Jasper Canyon...Where every kid is treasured by God. God treasures each one of us! Kids will have fun discovering the important treasures Jesus has given each one of them. Three days of Christ-centered activities will help them dig into the Bible to find out how uniquely special they really are!

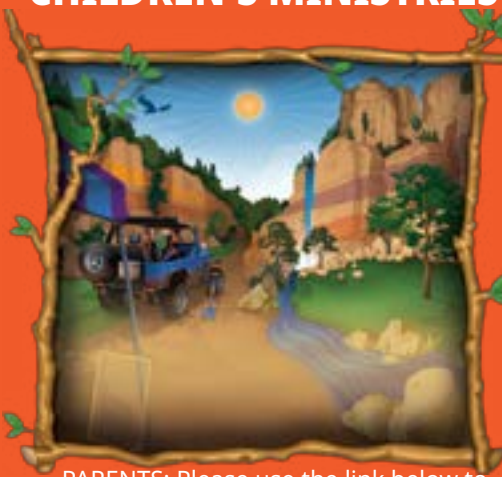
Thursday and Friday (6/17-18) 9:30am- 12:00pm

Thursday and Friday (6/17-18) 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Sabbath Morning (6/19) 9:30am -12:30pm

*All of these events will take place in the family life center gym and classrooms. Please register your children based on age group. *Children birth through 5 yrs old must be accompanied by an adult.**

REGISTRATION OPENS: 4/20/2022 **REGISTRATION CLOSES:** 6/16/2022



PARENTS: Please use the link below to create your own account and register your child; & **VOLUNTEERS:** You are also to use the link to register for the 2022 Camp Meeting