



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 Department 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

Upper Room Constituency Session Preparation Virtual Prayer Meetings to seek God's leading

Our South Central Conference Constituency Session is July 23–24, 2022, and our ultimate objective for the session is for God to reveal His will regarding our conference leadership for the next five years. As part of our conference's preparation, the Church Ministries & Mission Development Department will be hosting a series of UPPER ROOM Constituency Session Preparation Virtual Prayer Meetings on Sabbath evenings July 2, 9, and 16 @ 7pm CST. On July 2, our North American Division President, Elder G. Alexander Bryant, will be our devotional speaker, as we ask God to lead our conference to be open to the Holy Spirit's Agenda. (During this prayer

session there will be a special prayer breakout for those speaking Haitian and Afrikaans.) On July 9, Pastor Lola Moore Johnston, former Young Adult Ministries Director for South Central Conference, and current Senior Pastor of Restoration Praise Center (RPC) in Bowie, MD, will give our devotion as we prayerfully claim God's promise to give wisdom to those who ask. (During this prayer session there will be a special prayer breakout for those who speak Korean.) And on July 16, Elder Dana Edmond, immediate past President of South Central Conference, and current Director for the Office of Regional Conference Ministries, will present our devotional message as we request for God to



G. Alexander Bryant



Lola Moore Johnston



Dana Edmond

choose our conference leadership. (During this prayer session there will be a special prayer breakout for those who speak Spanish.)

***All are invited
to attend!***

**Zoom Meeting ID#: 984-8019-3115
Password: URPrayer22**

THE SCC CHURCH MINISTRIES

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES GUIDE

MISSION DEVELOPMENT

Living Illustration Teaches at Morning Star



As our Church Ministries & Mission Development Director, one of my responsibilities is to conduct mission development training for churches and church boards throughout our South Central Conference territory. This frequently consists of sharing a seminar on a Friday evening, preaching a sermon on Sabbath morning, providing another seminar on Sabbath afternoon, and concluding with a board workshop on Sunday morning. As insightful and informative as the presentations may be, rarely is there a teaching tool better than a living illustration—like the one we experienced at the Morning Star Adventist Church in Vicksburg MS.

On May 20–22, 2022, the Morning Star Church, under the leadership of Pastor Reginald Robinson, hosted a Spirit-led, Mission-driven Training Weekend. In the middle of the final session with the church board on Sunday morning, a young lady



named India, who had visited the church for the first time a few weeks ago at the church's community block party, entered the sanctuary with her two small children and sat on the back row. After going over to speak with India, the church's first lady, Cynthia Robinson, raised her hand to interrupt the training session. With India in hand she said, "Church, we need to pray now." Realizing that the very purpose of the training was to lead the church to seek the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit in simplifying their ministries and organizational structure to better focus on the mission of reaching the people in their community with the good news of salvation, it became obvious to all that THIS was what the Spirit



had on His board meeting agenda for this morning! As the board members gathered around India, she proceeded to share through her tears a story of brokenness, despair, and pain. Two board members held the children while another board member hugged and held India. Words of encouragement and hope were shared as more tears were shed, and the Spirit of God powerfully moved as prayers for deliverance, healing and wholeness were prayed!

The meeting ended (what else was there to say!?) and members continued ministering to India over breakfast. And India came to worship at Morning Star this past Sabbath! This is what it looks like for a church to be Spirit-led and Mission-driven!

To have a Spirit-led, Mission-driven training weekend at your church, contact our office at 615.226.6500 Ext 133 or by email at ffordham@scc-sda.org.



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SMALL GROUPS DEVELOPMENT

We believe that most of our church's ministries would do a much better job facilitating life change if they transitioned from a program paradigm to a small group paradigm. To assist with this transition specifically as it relates to women's ministries, Freddie Jenkins, one of our Church Ministries & Mission Development team members, will be facilitating a workshop at our upcoming Camp Meeting training women's ministry leaders to implement small groups as the ministry model for their church's women's ministries department. The seminar will take place on Friday, June 17 at 2pm. All ladies are welcome.



Upcoming Events



PASTORS...Would you say that prayer meeting is the spiritual barometer of your church?

The disciples that fellowship, study and pray together receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This remnant group of believers have a testimony and will express their prayer requests. So, what would it look like if each praying participant would send a *Message* to each prayer request? The editor of *Message Magazine* would love to come to your prayer meeting via zoom and explain how to send a digital *Message* for five dollars!

Yes, Carmella Monk Crawford was at my prayer meeting explaining the summer sale. You may call

her to be a special guest without an honorarium. How about that! Spice up your prayer meeting with an evangelistic tool with eternal effects. Carmella Monk Crawford's phone number is (614) 738-1740. She has given me permission to share her number with you.

You see, *Message* is more than just a magazine; it's a platform now. You may control your own subscription and purchase Bible studies on their website (message-magazine.com); The podcasts are inspirational and sensitive to current events. It's time to send the *Message*.

Pastor Alex Horton

June 15–18, SCC in-person Camp Meeting

July 2, 9 and 16 (7pm CST), UPPER ROOM SCC Constituency Session Preparation Virtual Prayer Meetings. Zoom ID: 984-8019-3115; Password: URPrayer22



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 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

Save the Date:

October 19 - 22, 2022



Oakwood University
Huntsville, Alabama