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The NEM Reset initiative brought positive energy to Junction town and Santa Cruz Town, St Elizabeth, on November 07, 2026. Photo credits: Wayne Clarke.Pg7



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IN LINE WITH BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, THE WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, THROUGH ITS WOMEN'S AND HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENTS, PARTNERED WITH YVONNE DUNKLEY'S FEED THE FIGHT BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION TO HOST THE SHADES OF PINK GALA ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026.

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President's Message



Greetings, members of the West Jamaica Conference!

It is a joy and privilege to once again remind you of the integral role that the West Weekly Newsletter plays in our ministry. I want to challenge and encourage you to keep your focus on this vital channel of communication, as it is through this medium that we will share many of the key activities and updates across our conference.

I also encourage you to keep the mission at the forefront of all you do. We know the Lord is coming soon, and we are called by God to declare this Everlasting Gospel to the world. May the Lord bless and keep you as we together pursue His mission.

Pastor Vincent Rose
President, West Jamaica Conference

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Guests seated at a table during the Shades of Pink Gala, held November 1, 2026, at the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre in Montego Bay. Photo: Eucynth Allen-Gayle

By Shadeka Haye-Campbell, West Jamaica Conference

MONTEGO BAY, St. JAMES

In line with Breast Cancer awareness month, the West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, through its Women's and Health Ministries Departments, partnered with Yvonne Dunkley's Feed the Fight Breast Cancer Foundation to host the Shades of Pink Gala on Sunday, November 1, 2026.

Held at the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre in Mount Salem, St. James, the fundraising event was organized to support the hospital's Renal and Oncology Departments, with proceeds intended to assist with the provision of needles, mammograms, Pap smears and Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) tests.

Mrs. Annette Thompson, Women's Ministries Director of the West Jamaica Conference, said the initiative was an opportunity for the Church to provide practical assistance to individuals facing serious health challenges.

Mrs. Annette Thompson, Women's Ministries Director of the West Jamaica Conference, explained that the departments have traditionally observed Breast Cancer Awareness Month through an annual Save Your Breast Symposium, featuring presentations by medical professionals, breast examinations and education on breast self-checks.

"This year Mrs. Yvonne Dunkley, who is a breast cancer survivor, approached us asking to collaborate with her to put on a Gala under the theme Shades of Pink," Thompson said.

She noted that the Conference welcomed the partnership as an opportunity to provide practical assistance to patients undergoing treatment.

"We were happy to be a part of this venture where we could help persons who need this assistance and in doing so would be able to bring a level of hope and love to them as they go through their difficult times," she shared.

For Mrs. Yvonne Dunkley, founder of the Feed the Fight Breast Cancer Foundation, the initiative was inspired by her own experience battling breast cancer, which included 16 rounds of chemotherapy and 35 radiation sessions. She recalled the emotional, physical and spiritual challenges she faced during treatment, including memory loss and difficulty walking.

"I'm a breast cancer survivor and through my ordeal I was mentally burned out. Not the disease itself but how one sees the word cancer, it defeats you before you can analyze it," she said.

Despite these challenges, her faith helped her persevere. Her experience eventually motivated her to return to Jamaica in 2013 to increase breast cancer awareness and support others facing the disease.

"Don't try to see the whole picture, just take it one minute at a time," she advised.

The Feed the Fight Breast Cancer Foundation has also extended its work internationally, with activities in Ghana, the United Kingdom, the Caribbean, Canada and the United States.

Equipment purchased from the proceeds of the gala are expected to be presented to Cornwall Regional Hospital on February 4, 2027, in observance of World Cancer Day.



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Volunteers from AdventHealth, Andrews Memorial Hospital Limited, Comprehensive Eye Care and Live-in-Love Ministries pictured at the Waterworks Seventh-day Adventist Church, the fourth stop of the Western Jamaica Medical Mission, held October 26 to 30, 2026,

By Dyhann Buddoo-Fletcher

WESTMORELAND, Jamaica — As families struggle to rebuild their lives and recover from the emotional and financial toll of Category 5 Hurricane Melissa disaster, two Seventh-day Adventist hospitals recently provided healthcare to five communities across Westmoreland over five days, inspiring hope and relief to many.

For Pastor Dane Fletcher, director of missions, Andrews Memorial Hospital Limited (AMH), witnessing the post-hurricane conditions first-hand during the medical outreach was deeply moving.

"What do you say to senior citizens whose homes have been so severely damaged that only portions remain standing? What words can adequately comfort those who have lost so much yet still struggle to find the resources to rebuild?" he reflected in a release.

"In many moments, words failed me. Yet, amidst the devastation I encountered something profoundly moving: Gratitude for the gift of life and an enduring hope for tomorrow."



Pastor Javayne Billings (left) of Grange Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church gives a thumbs-up alongside Shelby Houmann, engagement specialist at AdventHealth Global Missions, during the medical mission in Grange Hill, Westmoreland.

Against this backdrop, nearly 800 residents benefited from the Western Jamaica Medical Mission, held October 26-30, 2026, under the theme **'Five Communities, One Mission, One Resilient Jamaica', a year after Melissa's rampage.**

AdventHealth, a hospital system in the United States that maintains a strategic partnership with Andrews Memorial Hospital Limited, spearheaded the second mission for the year in collaboration with the Jamaica Union Conference and the West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The initiative brought free healthcare, including medical consultations, optical screening, dental services, HIV and syphilis testing, pastoral and psychosocial care, and clothing distribution to

residents of Sheffield, Grange Hill, Savanna-la-Mar, Waterworks, and Darliston communities.



A team of nine doctors from AdventHealth, Andrews Memorial Hospital Limited and the Ministry of Health and Wellness provided medical services to residents of Grange Hill, Westmoreland, during the five-day Western Jamaica Medical Mission. The clinical and support team from the Ministry of Health gave full support for the five days.

Donmayne Gyles, president and chief executive officer of Andrews Memorial Hospital Limited, welcomed 18 AdventHealth volunteers to Jamaica, including physicians, nurses, and chaplains, who joined local health-care professionals, representatives of the Ministry of Health and Wellness, and community volunteers to deliver much-needed medical services.

"Earlier this year we collaborated with our partners to provide healthcare to five communities in St Elizabeth. This time we felt it was important to extend compassionate care to five communities in Westmoreland. The needs are overwhelming, but we are here to do what we can to inspire hope and bring healing and comfort," Gyles said.



From left: Phillip Williams, facilities and maintenance manager at Andrews Memorial Hospital Limited; Craig Moore, chief executive officer of AdventHealth Kissimmee, Florida; Shelby Houmann, engagement specialist at AdventHealth Global Missions; Dr Mayanna Francis, optometrist and retinopathy grader at Comprehensive Eye Care; and Donmayne Gyles, president and chief executive officer of Andrews Memorial Hospital Limited, at the medical mission in Savanna-la-Mar on October 28, 2026.

Craig Moore, CEO of Advent Health Kissimmee, Florida, and a Clarendon native, said Melissa's devastation inspired him to give back.

"When the hurricane hit last year, while I was concerned for my family that live in Kingston, and they weren't as affected, my heart went out to the entire island. When I saw the devastation, I knew I had to do something," Moore said.

"Here we are in Jamaica, and it has been an absolute pleasure to do this work, to see folks still thriving amid chaos and recovery. We are happy to be here just to be able to give back a little bit to them in terms of providing healthcare for them, treating them with dignity and respect, giving them hope," Moore said.

Shelby Houmann, engagement specialist at AdventHealth Global Missions, described the experience as emotional but rewarding.



Withclife Campbelle (centre) joins ADRA Jamaica representatives Debbie Waite Williams (left), field officer, and Imogene McCallum, programme director, during a health education session on child abuse prevention and breast cancer awareness at Sheffield, Westmoreland. ADRA Jamaica participated in all five outreach locations.

"We've partnered for the week alongside Andrews Memorial Hospital, one of our mission partners, and have been able to impact five different communities. It has been such a privilege to show the love of Jesus to others in those communities where we were able to work," the release quotes Houmann.

Imogene McCallum explained that Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA) Jamaica, which she serves as programme director, is partnering with IsraAID, a non-governmental international humanitarian aid organisation based in Israel, through a United Nations Children's Fund-supported initiative and have been moving across the parishes adversely affected by Melissa to address child protection, gender-based violence, health-related awareness talks, and provide

psychosocial support.

"We recognise the emotional needs of children affected by disasters, and they go through trauma. While the children are engaged, we talk with the parents about protecting their children from abuse, how they are to listen to and affirm their children [while] providing methods on how they can take care of their children's emotional and physical needs," McCallum said.

"Good vision starts with good control of diabetes," she said, encouraging exercise, healthy eating, and annual diabetic eye screenings. She also highlighted free screening available through referral to Cornwall Regional Hospital's Diabetic Eye Clinic. Dr Mayanna Francis, an optometrist and retinopathy grader at Comprehensive Eyecare, warned that diabetes is a leading cause of blindness among working-age adults.

Jamaica Constabulary Force representatives addressed illicit narcotics and Jamaica's ganja laws, while Ministry of Health personnel provided HIV and syphilis testing and sexual health education.



Deslyn Neunie (left) and Neville Wright, owners of DS Prime Health Services, supported the Western Jamaica Medical Mission by providing dental services at four of the five outreach locations in Westmoreland.

Dental services were in high demand throughout the medical mission. Deslyn Neunie of DS Prime Health Services noted that most of the dental volunteers were dentists and hygienists from University of Technology, Jamaica dental school.

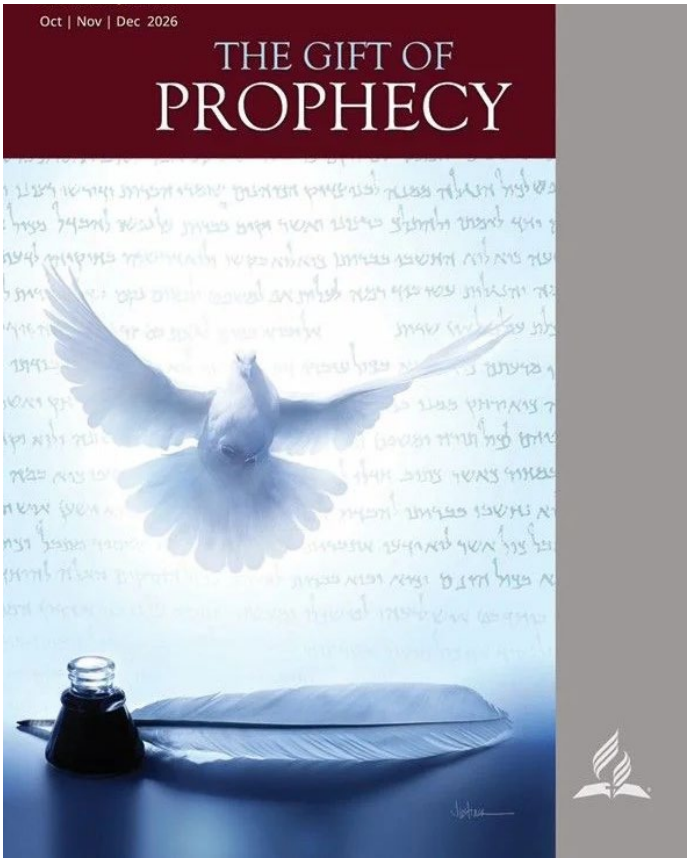
Neunie also highlighted the financial barriers preventing many Jamaicans from accessing dental care, recounting a patient at one of the outreach locations who reportedly received a $60,000 quotation for a wisdom tooth extraction.

"We will never be able to meet all the dental needs in Jamaica, partly because so many people simply cannot afford the cost of dental care," Neunie said.

"When you have events like these, health fairs like these, people are just glad. People are just excited."

Grange Hill resident Tameika Fraser arrived shortly after 6:00 am, having prepared her children for school.

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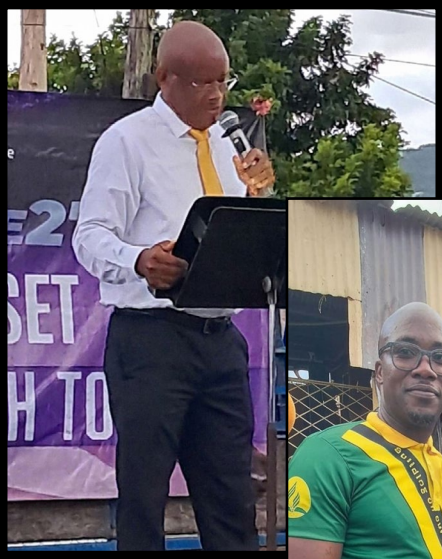


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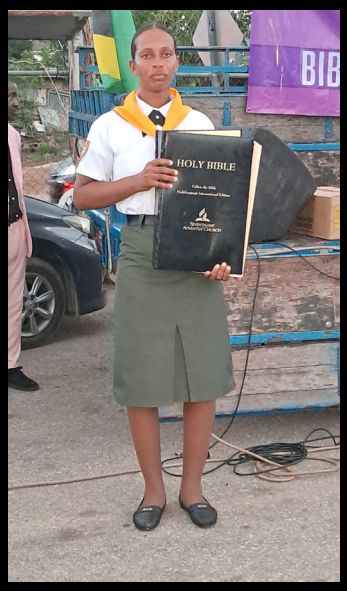
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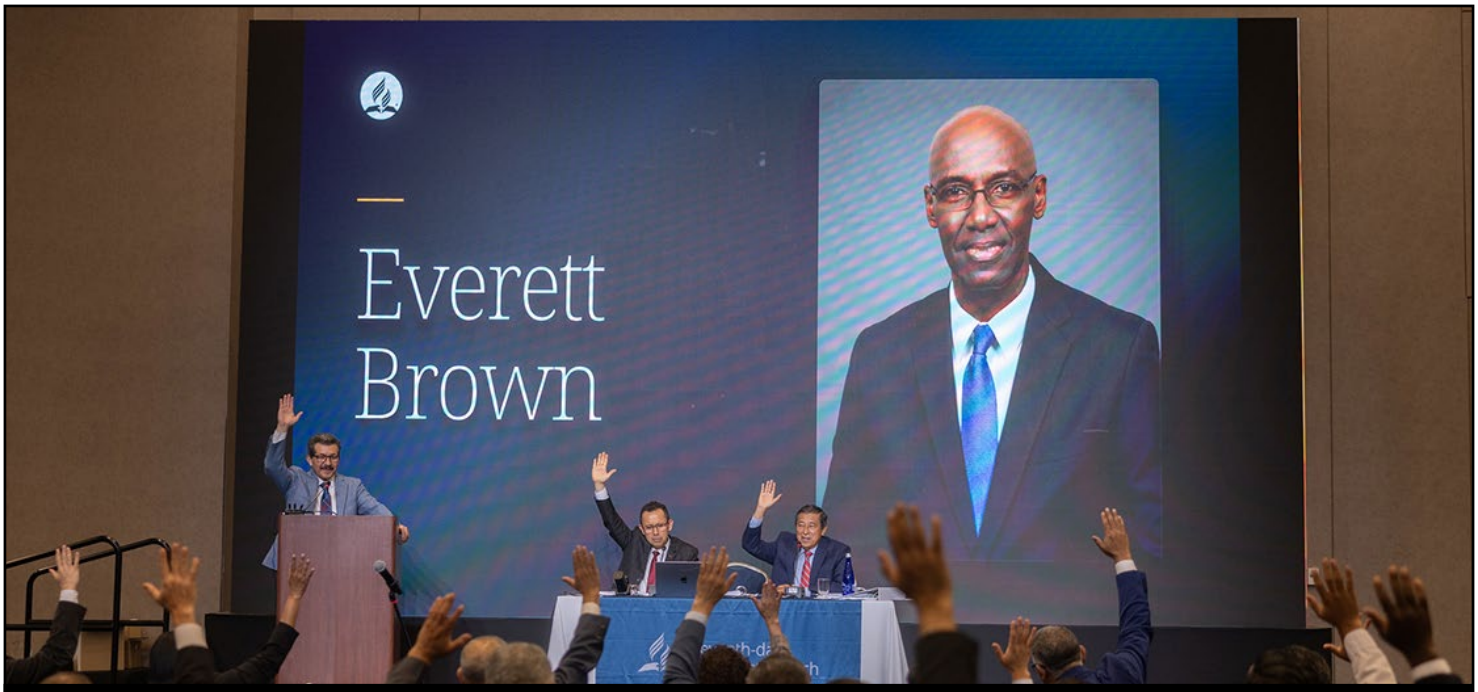












Inter-American Division Executive Committee members vote to elect Everett Brown as the division's new vice president on the final day of the Annual Council meetings in Bogotá, Colombia, on November 3, 2026. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

NEWS FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

Inter-American Division Elects Everett Brown as Vice President, Honors Balvin Braham's Service

Annual Council Executive Committee members welcome experienced Jamaican church leader and recognize outgoing vice president's years of dedicated ministry across Inter-America.

November 10, 2026 | Bogotá, Colombia | Libna Stevens, Inter-American Division News

Executive Committee members greeted the announcement with enthusiastic applause, recognizing Brown's extensive experience in church leadership and mission.
Earlier this year, Brown was elected field secretary and associate director of personal ministries and Sabbath school during the IAD's Spring Meetings in May.

Broad Support for New Leadership

Pastor Pierre Caporal, IAD executive secretary, formally presented Brown's nomination, which Executive Committee members approved by vote.

IAD President Pastor Abner De los Santos said the 48-member Nominating Committee, representing unions, institutions, pastors, and lay members throughout Inter-America, carefully considered the appointment and reached a strong consensus.



Pastor Abner De los Santos, Inter-American Division president, addresses the Nominating Committee's report as Pierre Caporal, executive secretary, joins virtually to present Everett Brown's nomination for vice president ahead of the Executive Committee vote. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

"This was not a decision made by a small group," De los Santos said, emphasizing the committee's broad representation.

Brown was the only candidate presented by the committee, reflecting widespread support for his leadership.

"Pastor Brown is highly appreciated throughout the territory," De los Santos said. "His virtues, experience, and qualities are recognized across Inter-America, not only in the Caribbean."

De los Santos explained that Brown would assume responsibilities previously held by Braham, including oversight of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty and advising several departments. His specific assignments would be finalized by the division administration.



Pastor Everett Brown, newly elected Inter-American Division vice president, expresses gratitude for his appointment and pledges to advance the church's mission during the Executive Committee meeting on November 3, 2026. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

Accepting the Call to Serve

Addressing Executive Committee members following his election, Brown reflected on the significance and responsibilities of his new role.

"It is an awesome privilege, perhaps the greatest privilege of all, to be asked to serve God in His church," Brown said. "It is with gratitude and humility that I accept the confidence that you have placed in me by asking me to serve you, to serve this dynamic Inter-American Division as one of its vice presidents."

Thanking De los Santos and the division administration for their confidence, Brown pledged to use his experience and abilities to further the church's work.

"My philosophy, my determination, is to utilize the skill sets that God has given to me to advance His church, to fulfill the mission which the Seventh-day Adventist Church has established," he said.



Executive Committee members stand and applaud Balvin Braham and his wife, Anett, as they make their way to the stage on Nov. 3, to be recognized for their years of dedicated service to the Inter-American Division. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

"I look forward to working with you and your administration in realizing the strategic goals, the strategic initiatives of this division," Brown said.
His appointment comes as the division advances its I Will Go: Living the Mission strategic plan, bringing together evangelism, discipleship, and church planting efforts across Inter-America.

Recognizing a Legacy of Service

The leadership transition also provided an opportunity for Executive Committee members to honor Braham, whose appointment as president of Jamaica's Northern Caribbean University took effect September 1, 2026.

Braham served more than 20 years at the division headquarters, following decades of ministry and administrative leadership in his native Jamaica.

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"GENERATIONS"

PASTOR VENCOT DYER – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE



Did you know that the entire spiritual collapse of a succeeding generation in the Book of Judges can be traced back to a single dangerous habit: centering their faith on human leaders rather than knowing God for themselves?

In this powerful sermon titled "Generations," Pastor Vencot Dyer examines the journey of the Israelites from their victories under Joshua to the spiritual amnesia of the next generation in Judges. He highlights how Joshua's army conquered 31 kings with God's constant presence, leading up to Joshua's famous declaration in chapter 24: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." However, Pastor Dyer emphasizes the critical flaw in the Israelites' devotion: their faith relied entirely on Joshua and the elders rather than a personal relationship with God. When that generation passed away, a new generation arose that "knew not the Lord," illustrating the severe danger of parental neglect in passing down spiritual knowledge and the foolishness of relying on someone else's faith.

Pastor Dyer applies this historical warning directly to contemporary life, confronting self-reliance, materialism, and sin. He urges listeners to break free from spiritual slavery and make a deliberate choice to serve God in sincerity and truth, regardless of cultural pressures or personal failings. Reminding the congregation that God specializes in transformation, he closes with a passionate call to action, urging believers to anchor their faith directly on the Rock of Jesus Christ so that the knowledge of God is never lost on the next generation.

To watch the full sermon, "Generations," presented by Pastor Vencot Dyer, click the link below:

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CALENDAR OF MISSION 2026

NOVEMBER

1 - 30	CELEBRATIONS - Emphasis on Nutrition
1 - 30	Stewardship - Emphasis on Environment
1 - 30	EYES Mentorship Young Parents Empowerment Series
1	Communion with God - Hour of Prayer
1	JAMU National Parenting Summit
1 - 7	Week of Prayers
7-21	Church Elders & Lay Preachers Evangelistic Series
10	Executive Comittee Meeting
14	Church Clerk 7th Sabbath Attendance Count
14-20	e-Week of prayer for Youth and Young Adults
21	World Orphans - Vulnerable Childrens Day
21	Church Elders & lay preachers Baptism Day
28-Dec.5	Stewardship Revival Week
28	Bone of My Bone

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Experience/ Skills

At least five (5) years experience in management at an academic institution or education related organization

Strong knowledge of the principles that governs Adventist Christian Education

Have a sound knowledge and understanding of the laws, regulations and guidelines that governs the function of the position

Must possess the knowledge and experience of effective financial and budgetary control

Excellent communication, interpersonal and leadership skills

Advanced Proficiency in Microsoft Office Applications; MS Excel and Word



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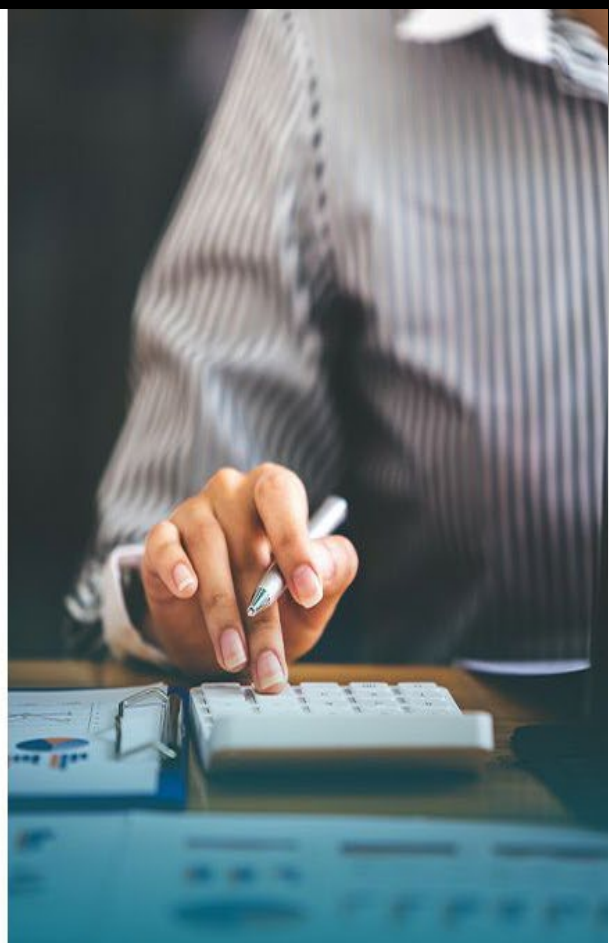
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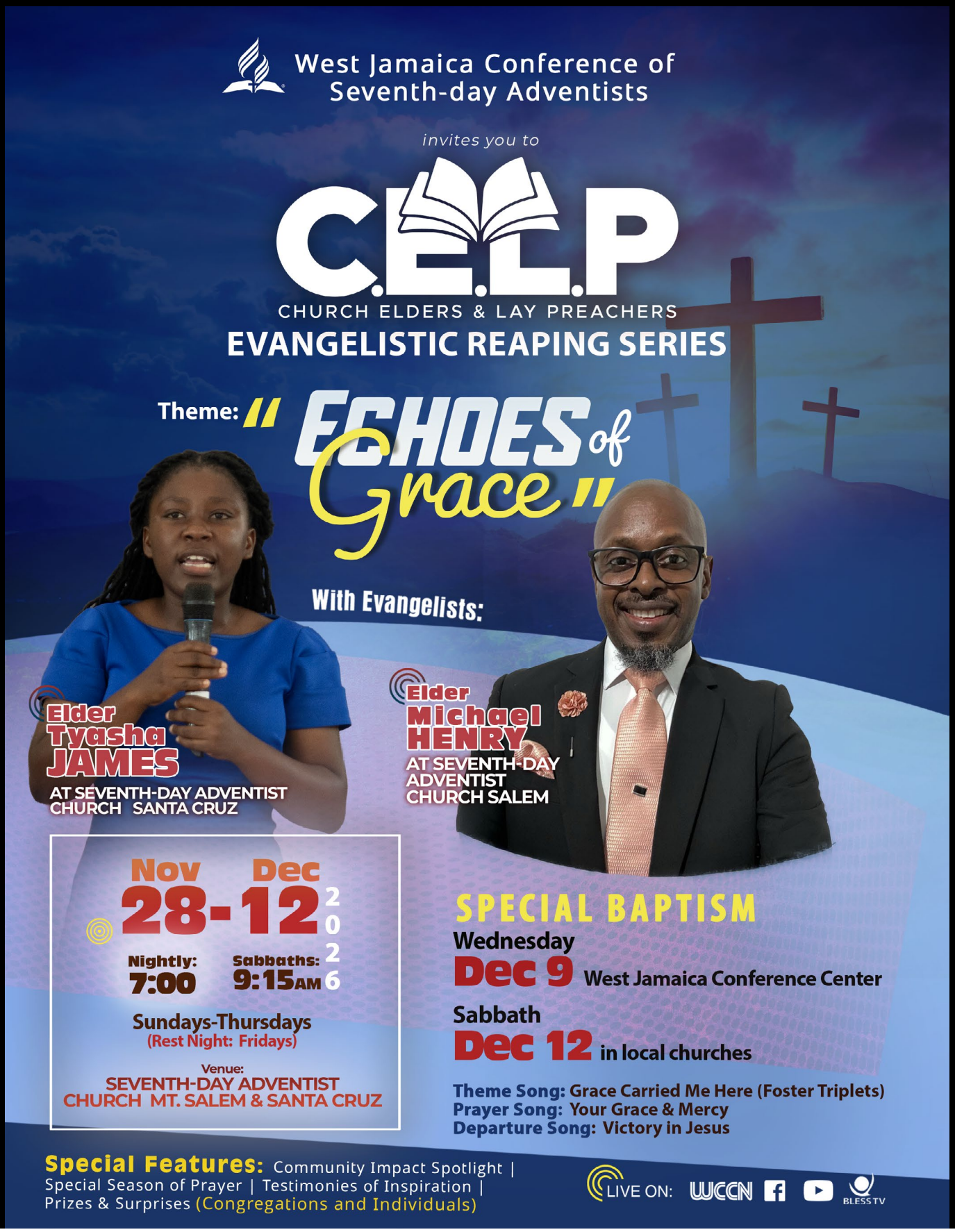
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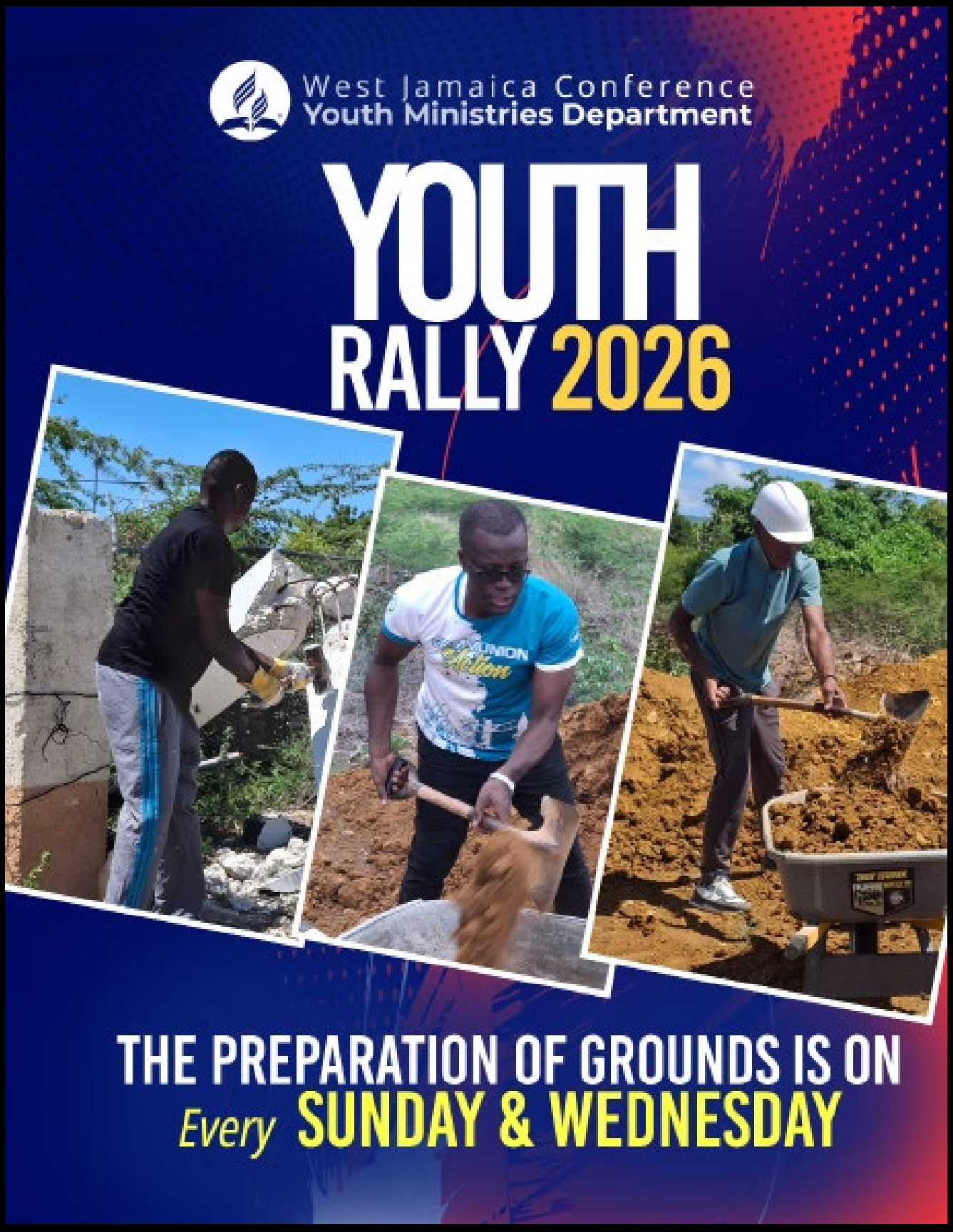
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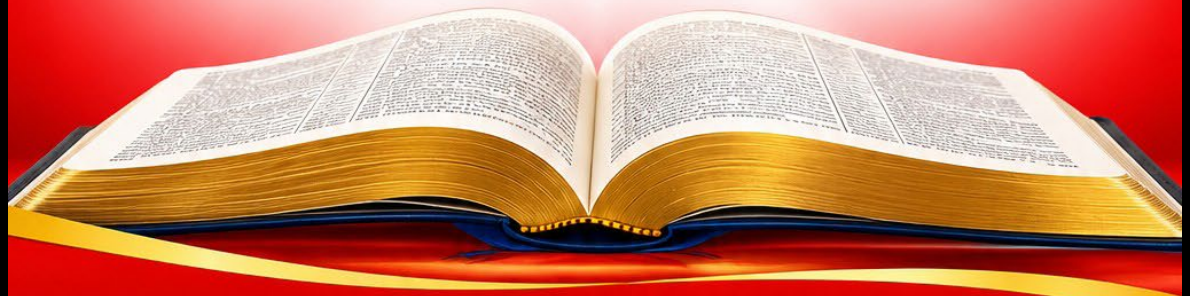
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Prayer Ministries

Bible Text: Psalm 91:1–2

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."
I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."



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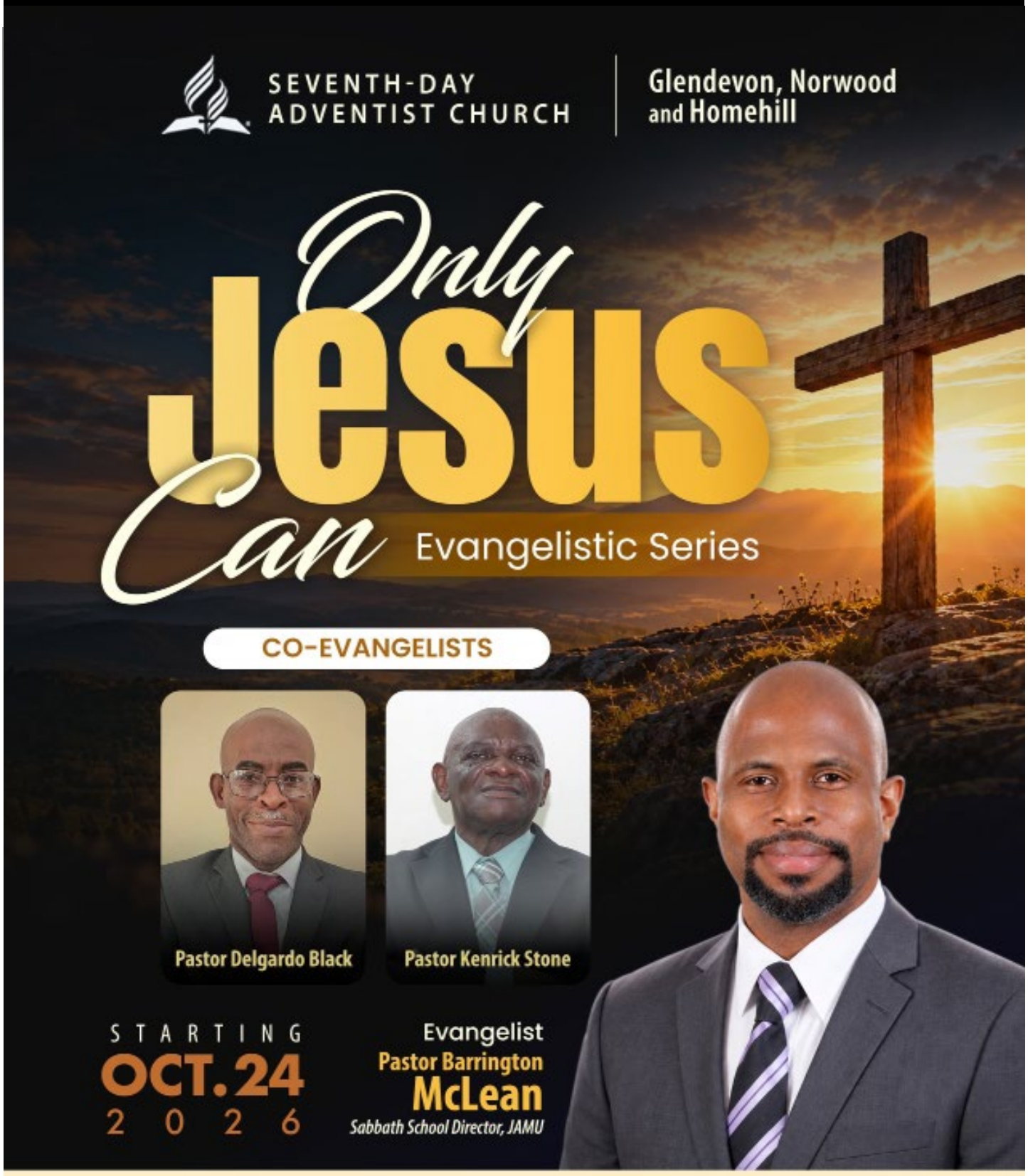
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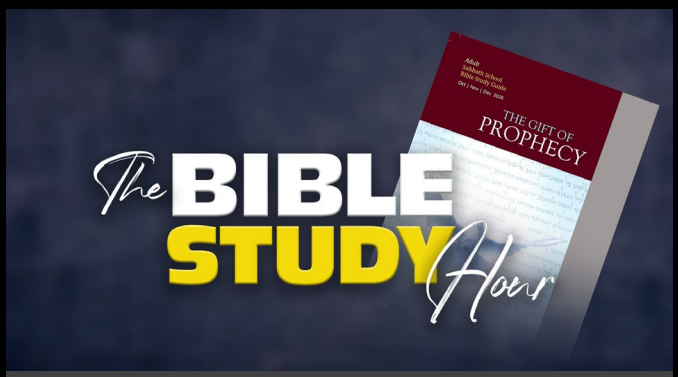
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