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AS THE COUNTRY CELEBRATED NATIONAL HEROES DAY ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, THE HARRISON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST (SDA) CHURCH HOSTED ITS INAUGURAL ADVENTIST HERITAGE EXPO ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS IN CATHERINE HALL, MONTEGO BAY.

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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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Display honouring our pioneers who shaped our faith and preserved our spiritual heritage at Harrison SDA Church Adventist Heritage Expo.

By Lafaine Wiggan | Seventh-day Adventist Church Harrison

As the country celebrated National Heroes Day on Monday, October 19, the Harrison Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church hosted its inaugural Adventist Heritage Expo on the church grounds in Catherine Hall, Montego Bay.

Held under the theme "Adventist Heritage: Our Present Charter," the expo was designed to connect the church's historical foundations with its present mission and future hope. Through interactive displays, demonstrations, and guided tours, attendees were invited to explore the significance of the biblical sanctuary services, the counsels of Ellen G. White on health and publishing, and the events surrounding the Great Disappointment of October 22, 1844.

A major highlight was the miniature sanctuary tour, guided by Elder Collebert Blake, Publishing Director and Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator for the West Jamaica Conference (WJC). The presentation helped bring the meaning of the ancient sanctuary services into focus, pointing attendees to their spiritual significance and their association with the Adventist understanding of Christ's ministry and promised return.

"Witnessing visitors eager for repeat tours of the sanctuary model was a deeply moving experience," shared Elder Blake.

"Walking from the altar of sacrifice to the ark of the covenant—where Jesus meets His people over the mercy seat—reinforces God's timeless message of forgiveness and restoration. Just as ancient Israel followed the pillar of cloud and fire, we too must move only at the Lord's bidding, for 'Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary' (Psalm 77:13)."



The miniature Sanctuary display explores the sacred symbols of our faith, bringing biblical history to life, deepening our understanding of God's sanctuary, and strengthening our hope in Christ.

The heritage expo also featured a children's corner, as well as displays on literature, health, and wellness. Medical missionaries and church members offered information and practical services catering to holistic development, highlighting the various ways the church's ministries contribute to its core mission and the sharing of the Gospel.



Mrs. Pearlina Jameison, colporteur, showcases Adventist publications that inspire spiritual growth, promote healthy living, and spread the everlasting gospel to those who attended the Adventist Heritage expo.

"We are profoundly grateful to God for the immense blessings of this expo, and I want to extend my deepest thanks to everyone who helped execute today's activities," said Elder Joan Haye, Head of the Spirit of Prophecy Department at the Harrison SDA Church. "I also want to express special appreciation to our host Pastor, James Sonlin; Family Life and Health Ministries Director for the West Jamaica Conference, Mrs. Marion Barrett-Popkin; Treasurer of the West Jamaica Conference, Pastor Astor Bowers; and all our leaders for their presence and unwavering support."

The day concluded with a lunch-hour concert and a special awards ceremony. Four members of the Harrison SDA Church—Betty Swaby-Little, Ken Allen, Steve Campbell, and Jeanne-Marie Dillon-Barrett—received special recognition for their long and dedicated service.



Elder Alphanso Pearson, Publishing Sponsor at Harrison SDA Church and Elder Collebert Blake, Publishing Director and Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator for WJC, present Brother Steve Campbell (center), Head Deacon at Harrison SDA Church and creator of the miniature sanctuary emblems, with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of his years of faithful commitment and service.

Reflecting on the week's initiatives, Pastor James Sonlin, District Pastor for the Harrison SDA Church, added: "The Spirit of Prophecy Week was exceptional, which certainly fits the time in which we are living as guided by the Bible. The initiative was a great success. We have had some wonderful presentations and educational tours, and I believe that many of the people who attended were truly blessed."

FROM WILDERNESS TO MINISTRY: MASTER GUIDES GATHER FOR W.O.L.F. CAMP 2026



Master Guides and Master Guides in Training from across the West Jamaica Conference tested their endurance, teamwork and outdoor survival skills during W.O.L.F. Camp 2026, held October 30 to November 1 at Coffee Walk Mountain in Hanover.

WJC Master Guide Association | Jevon Smith, President

The wilderness has a way of revealing what comfort often conceals. It tests endurance, encourages dependence on others and creates opportunities for growth. These lessons shaped W.O.L.F. (Wilderness Outdoor Living Fitness) Camp 2026, as Master Guides and Master Guides in Training from across the West Jamaica Conference gathered at Coffee Walk Mountain in Hanover from Friday, October 30 to Sunday, November 1 under the theme, "Wilderness to Witness: Prepared to Serve."

Organized by the West Jamaica Conference Master Guide Association, the camp combined outdoor adventure, spiritual development and practical learning to equip participants for service in their churches and communities.



Master Guides and Master Guides in Training gather for a group photograph during W.O.L.F. Camp 2026, held October 30 to November 1 at Coffee Walk Mountain in Hanover. :: Photo credit: Contributed

The journey to the campsite was an adventure in itself. With the rugged terrain accessible only to four-wheel-drive vehicles, participants completed the final stretch on foot, taking on an approximately 20-minute uphill trek along rocky, slippery paths following rainfall. The challenging climb gave participants an early taste of the endurance and determination the weekend would require.

Upon arrival, participants pitched their tents, organized the campsite and settled into their temporary home in the wilderness. The natural surroundings became part of the learning experience, calling for cooperation, adaptability and teamwork.

Reflecting on her experience, Master Guide in Training Nadia Henry said the camp exceeded her expectations.

"The experience went beyond what I had expected. I never felt alone throughout the camp, and the friendships I formed are likely to continue long after the weekend ends. I don't want to miss another camp," she shared.



A Master Guide adds decorative touches to a wooden bed constructed during the weekend's activities. :: Photo credit: Contributed

Spiritual growth remained central to the programme. One of the weekend's memorable moments came during Saturday night's bonfire, when participants roasted yam and sweet potatoes, shared food and creatively retold Bible stories.

The evening also provided opportunities for prayer and personal reflection, as participants considered the struggles they faced and what they needed to surrender to God. Songs and testimonies formed added to the atmosphere, while creative presentations brought moments of laughter.

On Sunday, participants put their teamwork and practical skills to the test during a village-building competition. Working in groups, they had approximately 2.5 hours to construct functional living spaces using natural materials and available resources. The activity challenged participants to be resourceful, work together and apply skills developed throughout the year.



A Master Guide prepares a campfire during W.O.L.F. Camp. :: Photo credit: Contributed

As the West Jamaica Conference Master Guide Association continues to support the development of Master Guides and those in training, the hope is that the lessons and connections formed at Coffee Walk Mountain will extend beyond the campsite into churches, communities and every place where there is a need to serve.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

The NEM Reset initiative brought positive energy to Darliston town and Savanna-la-Mar Park, Westmoreland, on October 31, 2026. Photo credits: Cordel Brown & Michael Fletcher









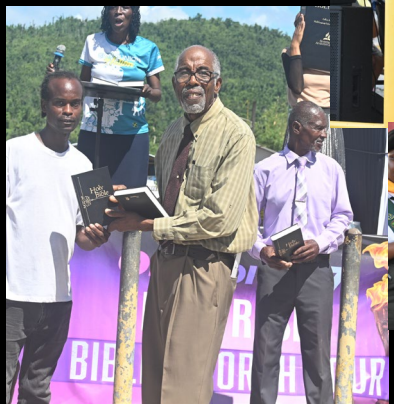


















Executive Committee members listen during the IAD Annual Council in Bogotá, Colombia, on November 2, 2026, where more than 200 church leaders and invitees were challenged to rethink church planting, strengthen discipleship and reach communities beyond existing congregations. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

NEWS FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

Adventist Leaders Urged to Rethink Church Planting and Prioritize Discipleship

GC Associate Secretary Gerson Santos challenges church leaders to reach beyond existing congregations and equip new believers to share their faith.

November 2, 2026 | Bogotá, Colombia | Libna Stevens, Inter-American Division News

The Seventh-day Adventist Church must look beyond its existing membership and establish congregations that reach people who do not yet know Christ, General Conference Associate Secretary Gerson Santos told Inter-American Division (IAD) leaders during the division's Annual Council on November 2, 2026, in Bogotá, Colombia.

"I believe the time has come to plant churches for non-Adventists," Santos said during a midday spiritual reflection, challenging administrators and executive committee members to rethink whom their congregations are intended to reach.

Santos emphasized that the church's mission goes beyond maintaining congregations or increasing membership. It calls for making disciples who help others follow Jesus.

A Mission That Continues

Santos reminded leaders that the gospel story did not end with Jesus' earthly ministry.

"The story of the gospel is not simply the account of a past event," he said. "It is a living mission that began with Jesus, has transformed millions of lives throughout the centuries, and continues to advance through His church."

Reflecting on Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, Santos described it as the beginning of Christ's public ministry and a reminder that God continues calling people to participate in His work.

He pointed to the upcoming commemoration of approximately 2,000 years since Christ's baptism as an opportunity to celebrate God's work and renew the church's commitment to disciple-making and proclaiming the everlasting gospel.

"We do not simply want to remember an event that happened nearly 2,000 years ago," Santos

said. “We want to celebrate a mission that is still alive.”



General Conference Associate Secretary Gerson Santos challenges church leaders to plant congregations that reach non-Adventists and equip new believers to become disciples during his midday spiritual message at the IAD Annual Council in Bogotá, Colombia, on November 2, 2026. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

Reaching Beyond Church Walls

To illustrate mission in challenging environments, Santos shared the experience of a missionary couple serving in Estonia, a highly secularized European country.

He described how the couple creates opportunities for young people to connect through small-group gatherings. Some participants do not believe in God but attend to socialize, play board games and build relationships. Others have begun attending church.

The experience, Santos said, demonstrates how friendship can open doors for the gospel where traditional evangelistic approaches face obstacles.

He challenged administrators to reconsider whether church planting primarily serves existing Adventist populations or intentionally reaches those outside the faith.

“We already have many churches for Adventists,” he said, urging greater emphasis on establishing congregations that connect with non-Adventists.

From Baptisms to Disciple-Making

Drawing from Matthew 28, Santos emphasized that Jesus commissioned His followers to make disciples, not merely increase membership.



Twelve-year-old Sebastián Rondón performs special music for Executive Committee members during the IAD Annual Council meetings in Bogotá, Colombia, on November 2, 2026. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

He described discipleship as a continuing process in which believers share the gospel, accompany others in spiritual growth and equip new disciples to reach someone else.
“What would happen in our churches and communities if every Christian helped another person become a disciple of Jesus?” he asked.

Referring to recent baptismal celebrations, Santos urged leaders to provide intentional training and support for newly baptized members during their first year of church membership.

Rather than focusing exclusively on baptisms, he encouraged preparing new believers to share their faith and participate in mission.

“We are not spectators of the mission,” he emphasized.

Proclaiming the Gospel With Urgency

Turning to Revelation 14, Santos reminded participants of the church’s calling to proclaim the everlasting gospel to every nation, tribe, language and people.



IAD President Abner De los Santos listens attentively as General Conference Associate Secretary Gerson Santos urges church leaders to prioritize discipleship and reach beyond existing congregations during the Annual Council on November 2, 2026. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

He identified four characteristics of the message: it is eternal, universal, urgent and centered on God.
The gospel’s promise of salvation through Christ remains unchanged, he explained, while its universal character demands outreach beyond familiar communities and cultural boundaries.

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"THE KEEPERS OF THE GATE"

BY ELDER TIMOTHY GUNTER – WATER WORKS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? In Nehemiah's day, the compromise of the Sabbath didn't begin with an official announcement to abolish it, but rather with "a little work, a little compromise, and a little profit"—until God's people mirrored the surrounding culture.

In this powerful message titled "The Keepers of the Gate," Elder Timothy Gunter draws a vivid parallel between the historical breakdown of Jerusalem's Sabbath observances in the book of Nehemiah and the spiritual compromises facing the modern church. Just as Nehemiah confronted the nobles, shut the gates before dark, and posted guards to prevent commercial activity on the holy day, believers today are called to stand as spiritual gatekeepers of their homes, churches, and hearts. Elder Gunter emphasizes that God's holy standard—anchored by the Fourth Commandment and established at Creation—has never been lowered or abolished, even as cultural pressures and convenience tempt modern believers to treat the Sabbath casually.

Weaving in real-time responses from an artificial intelligence scripture query, the sermon systematically dismantles common misconceptions about the Sabbath. It proves from both biblical text and prophetic history that the weekly Sabbath remains an eternal sign of creation, sanctification, and redemption. While acknowledging that sincere ignorance is met with God's mercy, Elder Gunter issues a sober call to spiritual leaders and believers alike to preach the whole counsel of God without fear of unpopularity. Ultimately, the message clarifies that while Sabbath-keeping alone cannot save us, faithful obedience is the natural fruit of a redeemed heart that loves and honors the Lord of the Sabbath.

To watch the full sermon, "The Keepers of the Gate," presented by Elder Timothy Gunter, click the link below:

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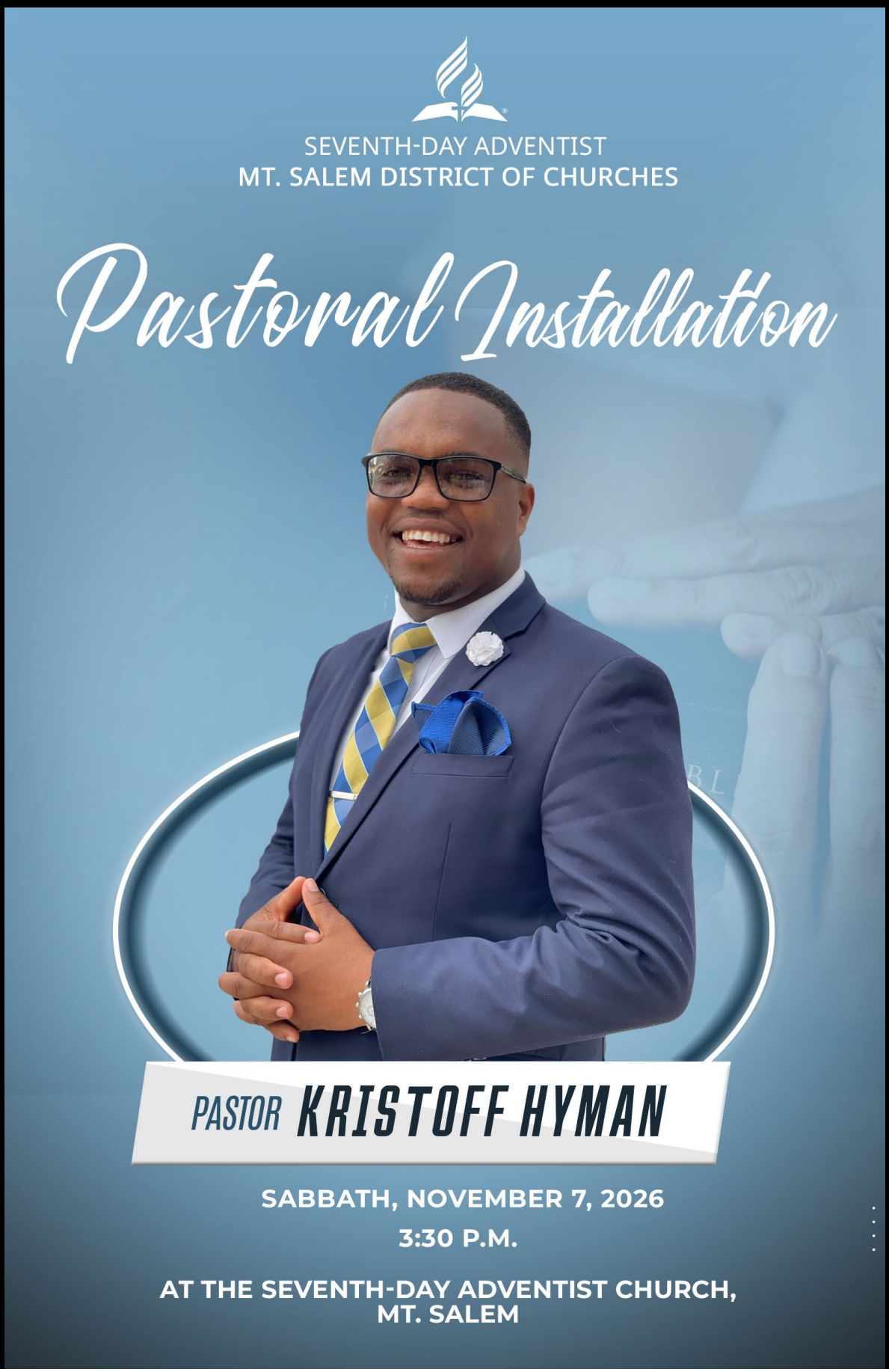
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1 - 30	Stewardship - Emphasis on Environment
1 - 30	EYES Mentorship Young Parents Empowerment Series
1	Communion with God - Hour of Prayer
1	JAMU National Parenting Summit
1 - 7	Week of Prayers
7-21	Church Elders & Lay Preachers Evangelistic Series
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

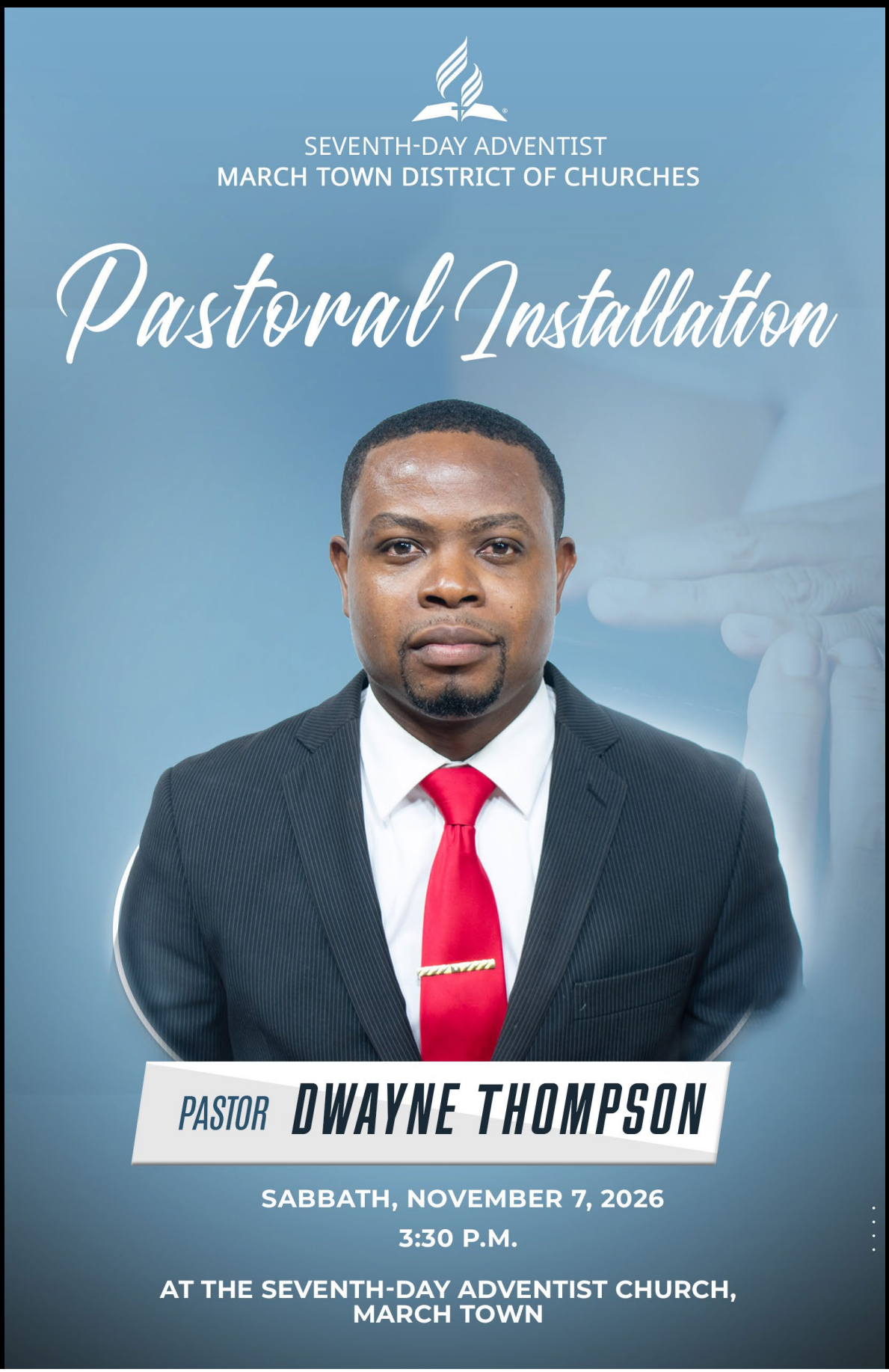
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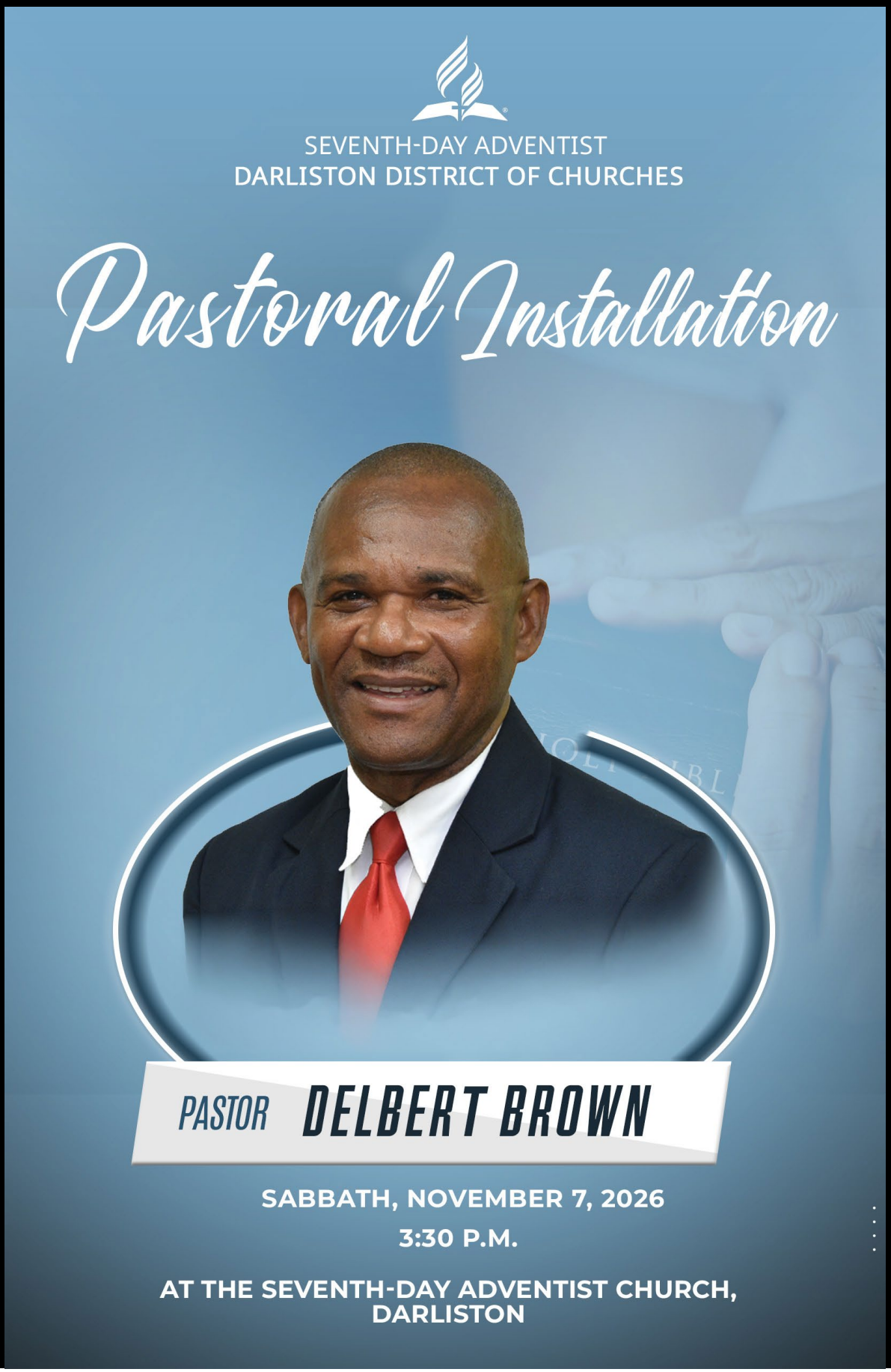


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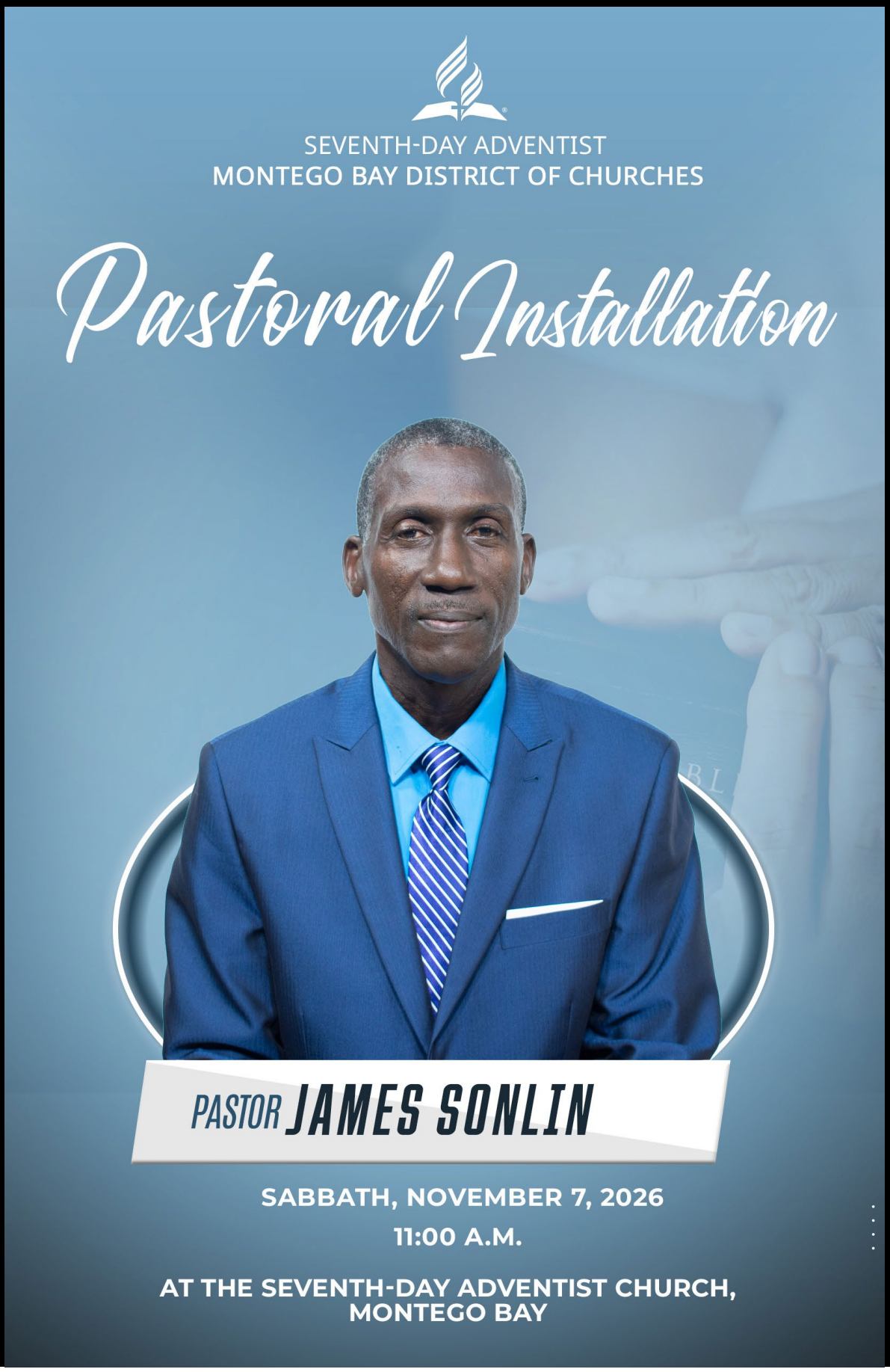
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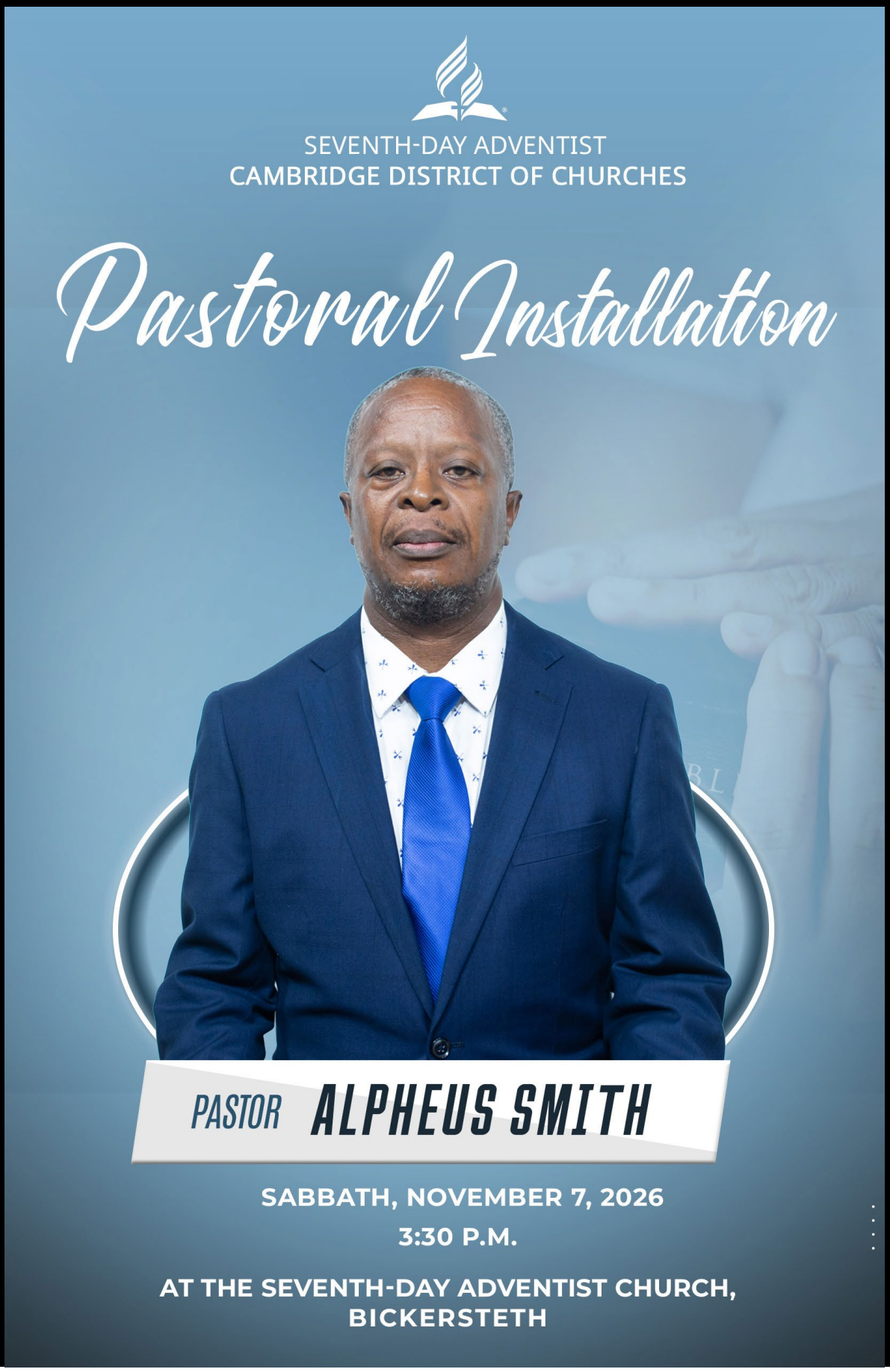
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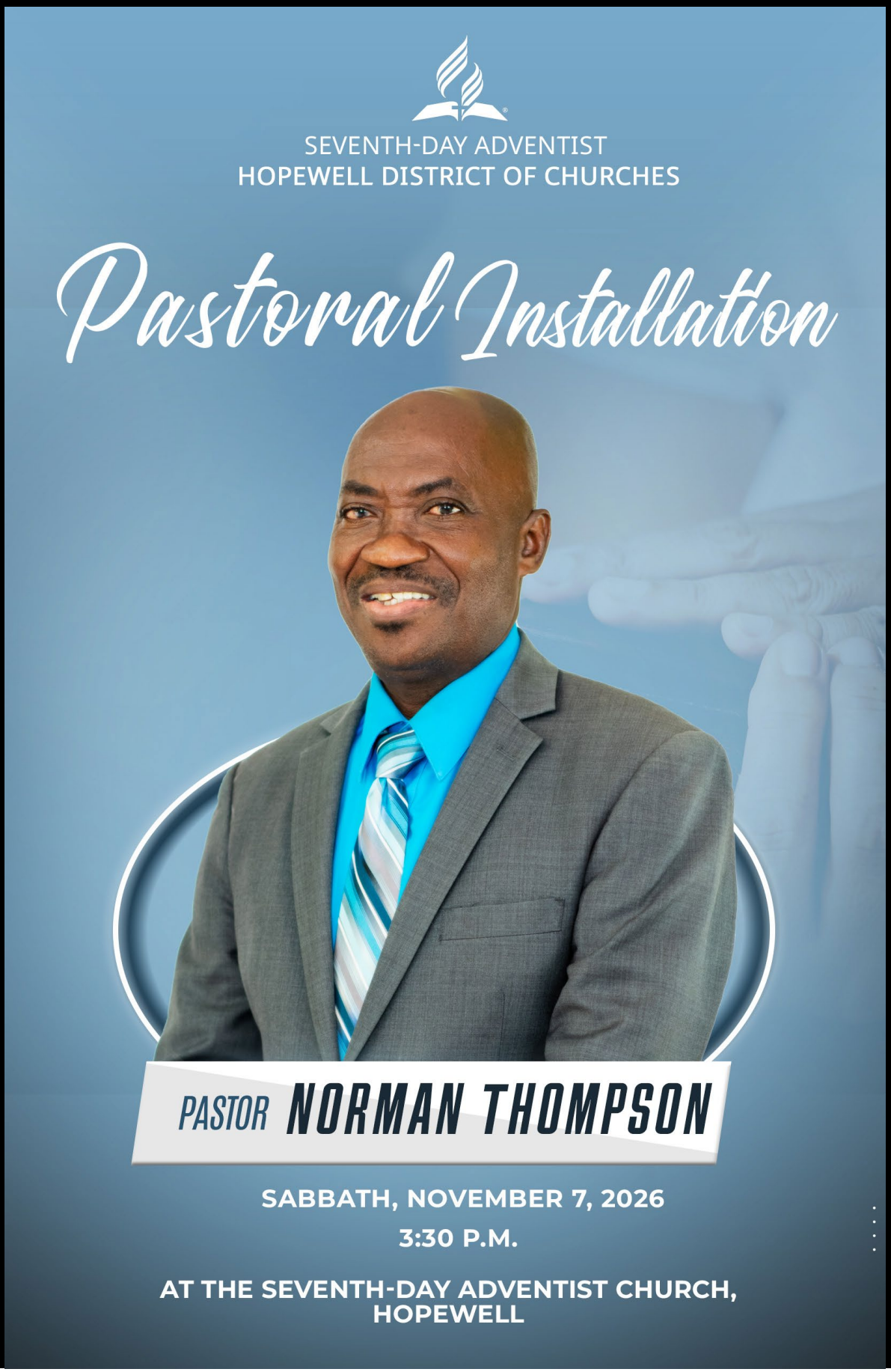
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Qualifications

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- The ideal candidate must be an exemplary Seventh-day Adventist Christian who is committed to the ministry and witness of the Church.

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

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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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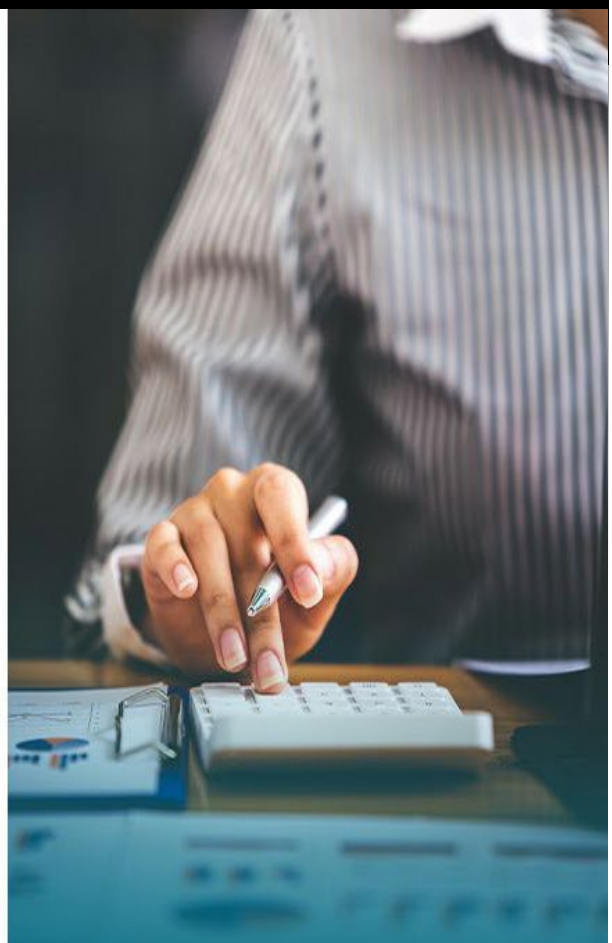
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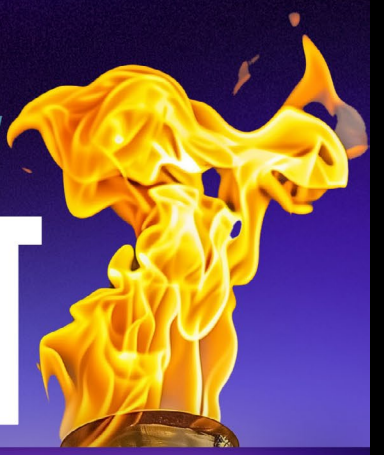
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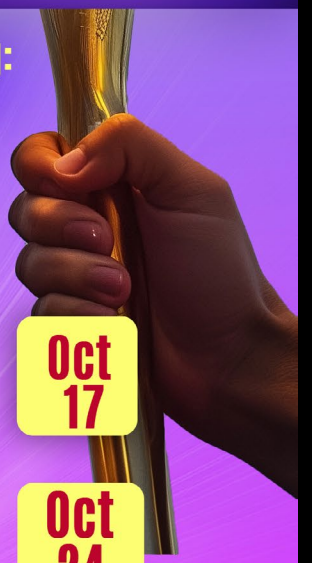
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Features a parish-by-parish travel of the emblems highlighting:

Obedience to the Bible | Mission of the Church | Second Coming of Christ



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St James (Anchovy Square & St James Parish Library 3:00 pm) — Oct 17

Parish to find 3500 passionate disciples.

Hanover (Lucea and Hopewell 3:00 pm) — Oct 24

Parish to find 1500 passionate disciples

Westmoreland (Darliston 10:00 am & Sav 3:00 pm) — Oct 31

Parish to find 2500 passionate disciples.

St Elizabeth (Junction 10:00 am & Santa Cruz 3:00 pm) — Nov 07

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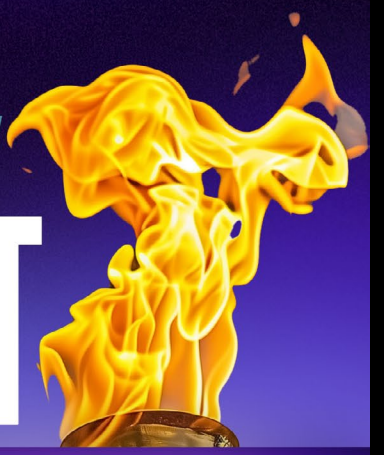
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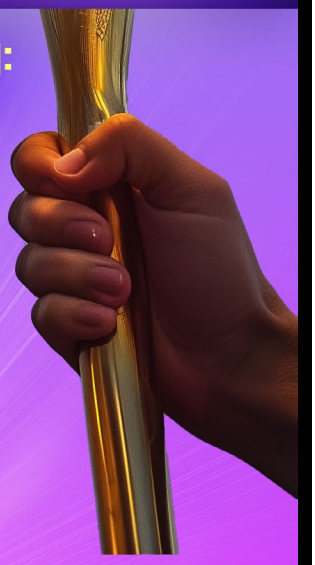
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Bull Savannah
Lititz
Southfield
Williamsfield

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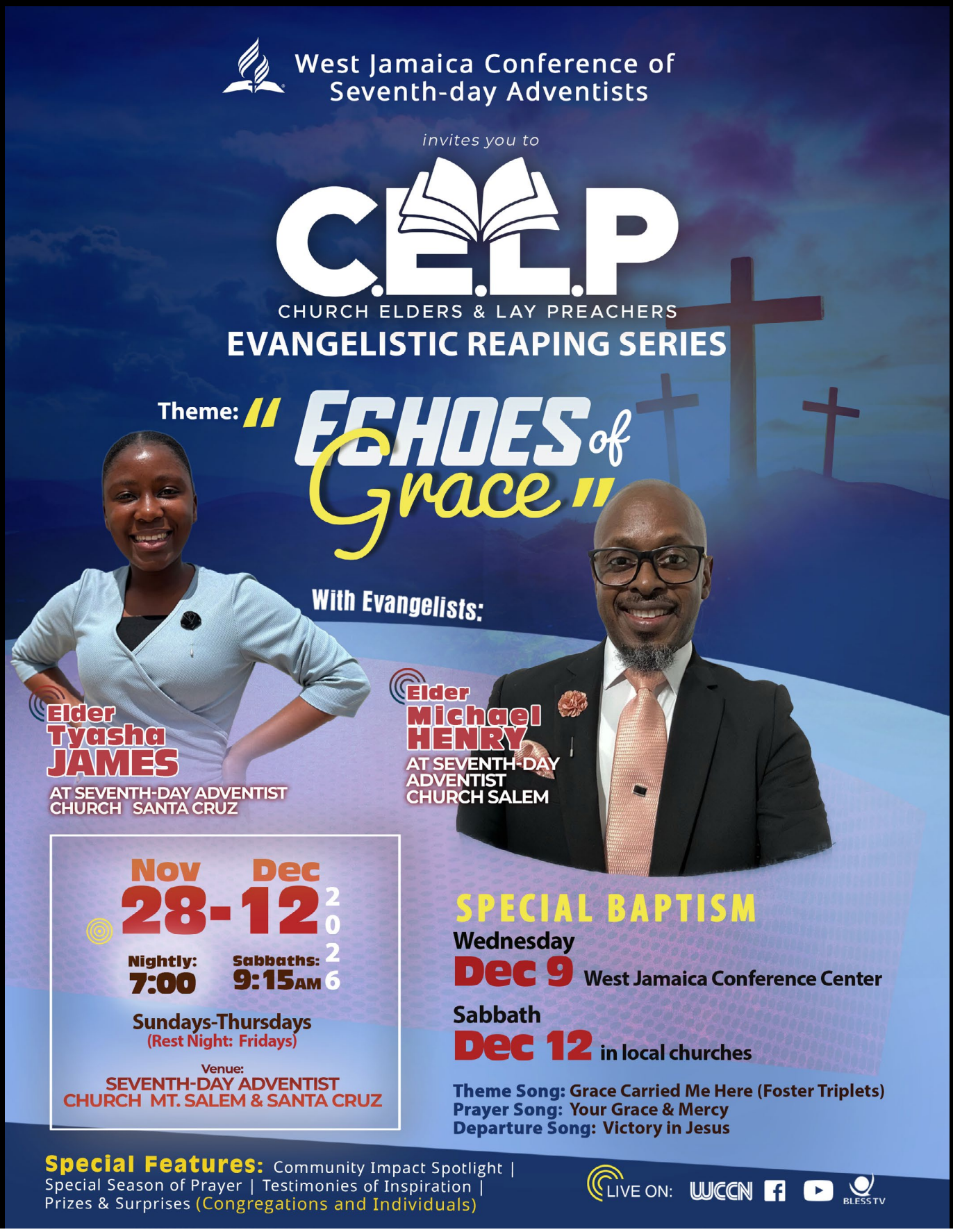
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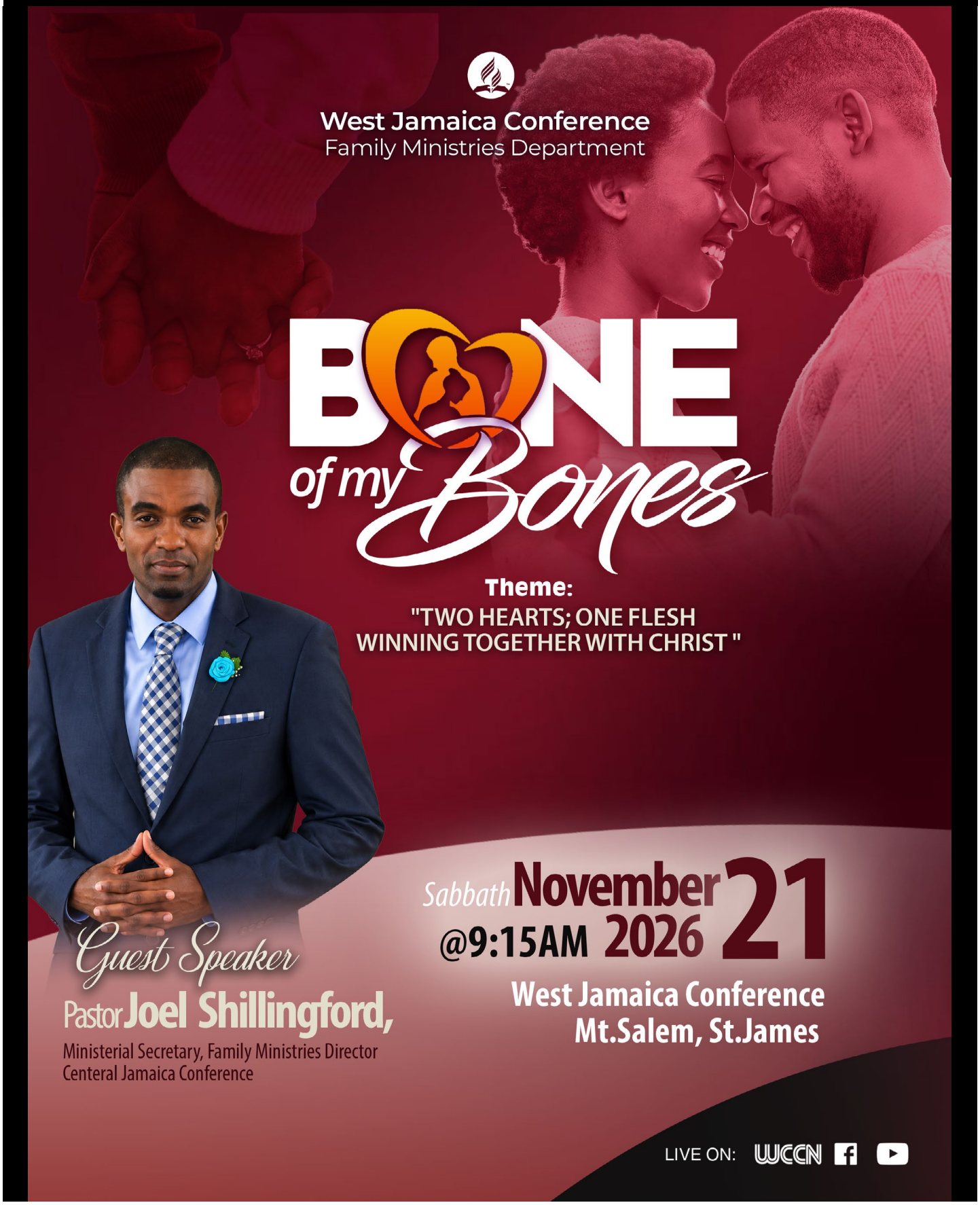
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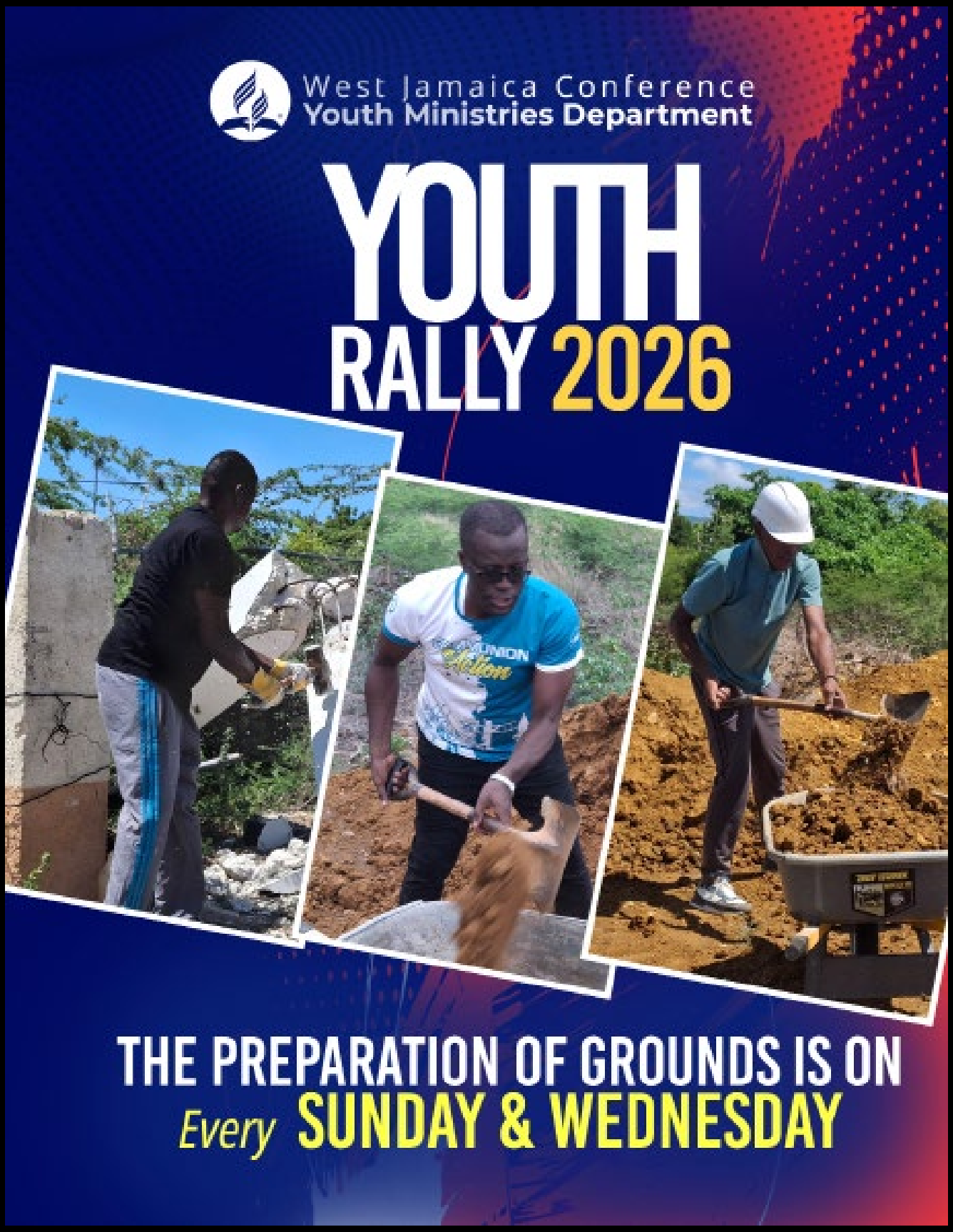
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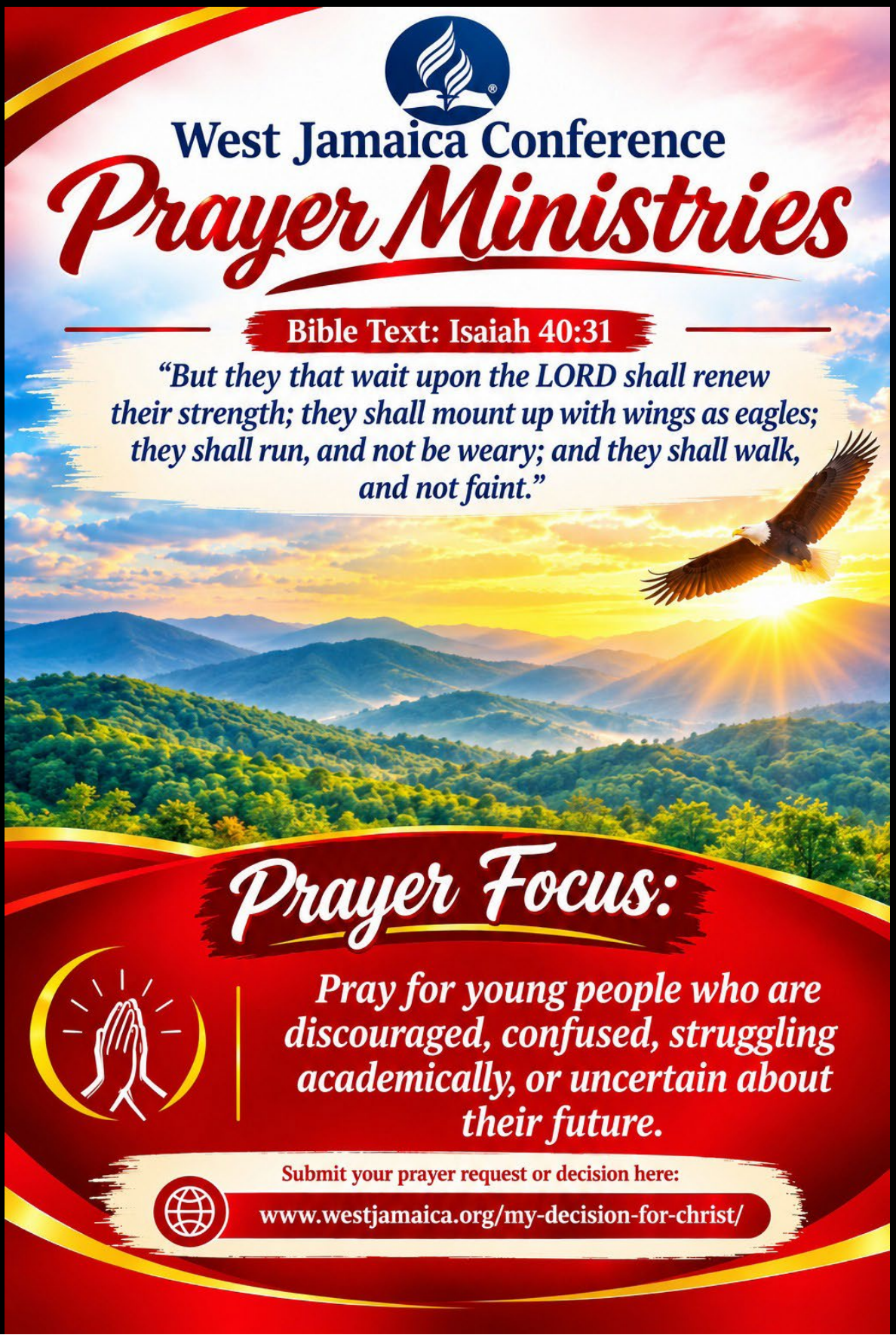
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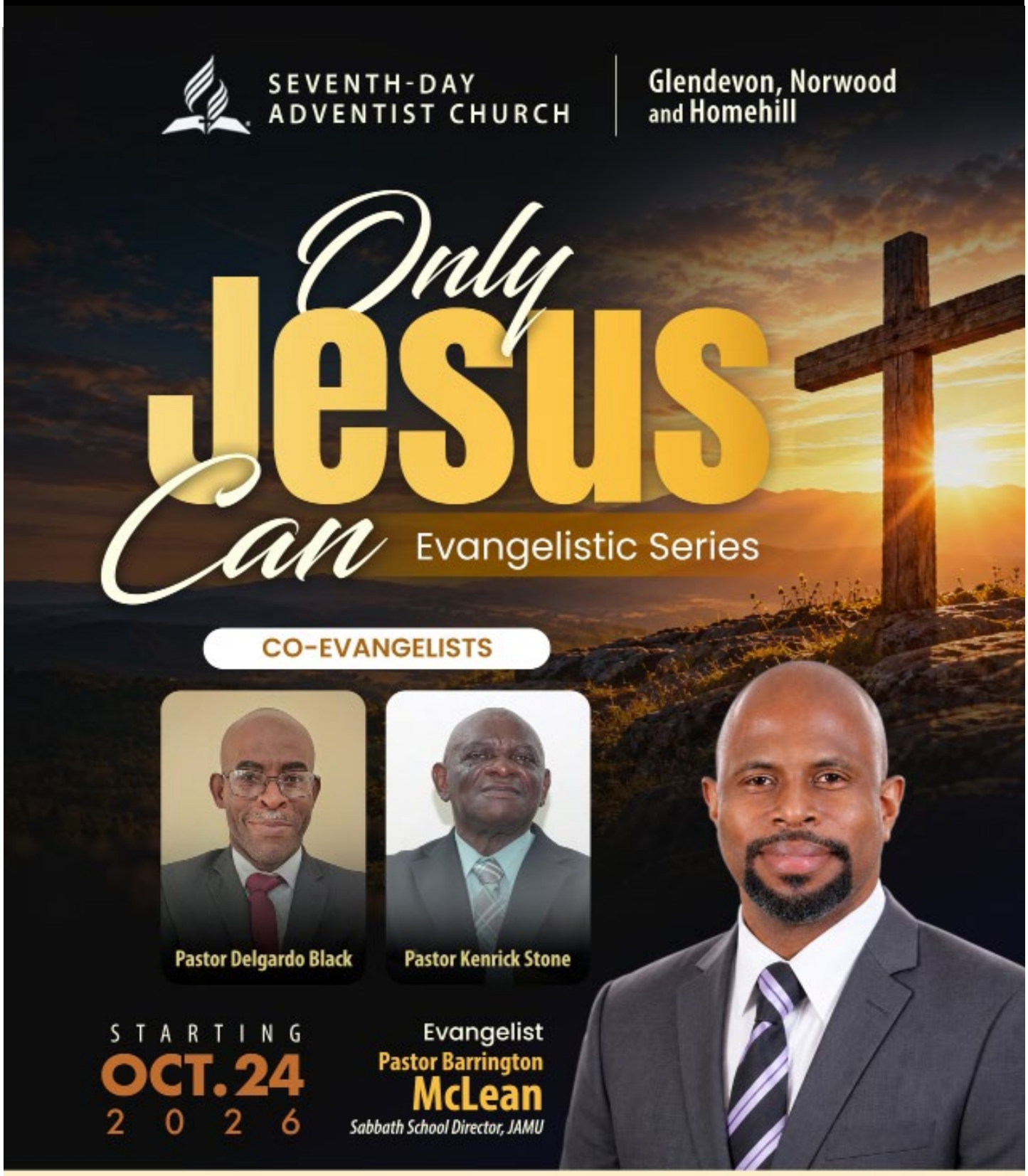
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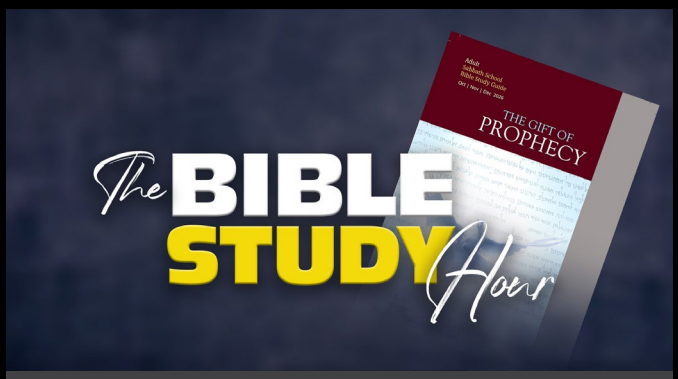
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Online Worship Experience || Morning Session || Sabbath, Oct 31, 2026



Online Worship Experience || Evening Session || Sabbath, Oct 31, 2026



Bible Study Hour || Q4 || Lesson 4 || Oct 23 2026



Rest, Reflection & Restoration || Friday Evening Vesper Service || Oct 30, 2026



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