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THE WEST WEEKLY

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Karl Archer (left), Glen Samuels (center), and Adlai Blythe (right) were Inaugurated to Lead the Jamaica Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the 2026–2030 quinquennium during meetings held at Northern Caribbean University on May 9.

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A section of the large congregation gathered at the Jamaica Union Conference Service of Inauguration held at the Northern Caribbean University on Sabbath, May 9, 2026. [Photo: Phillip Castell]

The inauguration formally consecrated leaders elected during the Jamaica Union Conference's third Quinquennial Session to guide the Union through the 2026–2030 term, while emphasizing spirit-led leadership, biblical faithfulness, and national service.



Pastor Joseph Smith (fourth from right), vice president of the Jamaica Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, presents the Union's departmental directors during the Service of Inauguration held on Sabbath, May 9, 2026. The leaders will serve during the Church's 2026–2030 quinquennium. [Photo: Phillip Castell]

Held under the theme, "Grounded in the Bible, Focused on Mission," the service brought together church leaders, conference representatives, government officials, pastors, members, and online viewers from across Jamaica and the diaspora for an afternoon of worship, dedication, and recommitment to mission.

In his inaugural address, Jamaica Union Conference President Pastor Glen O. Samuels called on the Church to remain firmly committed to Scripture and mission amid increasing social and cultural challenges.



Pastor Glen O. Samuels, president of the Jamaica Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, delivers the president's response during the Service of Inauguration held at the Northern Caribbean University on Sabbath, May 9, 2026. [Photo: Jon-Marc Myrie]

"We are living in a time when the Church must remain firmly grounded in the Word of God," Samuels said. "Our commitment must not merely be to administration, but to mission. We have been called to lead with humility, integrity, and faithfulness as we seek to advance the gospel throughout Jamaica and beyond."

Samuels also stressed that the effectiveness of the new administration would ultimately be measured by spiritual impact rather than institutional achievement.

"The success of this quinquennium will not be measured only by reports or statistics," he added. "It will be measured by transformed lives, faithful discipleship, and a Church that remains spiritually alive and mission-focused."



Pastor Abner De Los Santos, president of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, delivers the sermon during the Jamaica Union Conference Service of Inauguration held at the Mandeville Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, May 9, 2026. [Photo: Phillip Castell]

Pastor Abner De los Santos, president of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, delivered the sermon in which he reminded the congregation that leadership within the Church is an act of stewardship under God.

"The Church belongs to God," De los Santos said. "Those who lead are entrusted not with ownership, but with stewardship. God is calling this administration to lead courageously, prayerfully, and always under the authority of His Word."

Government leaders from both sides of the political aisle also extended congratulations and affirmed the Church's longstanding contribution to national development.



Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen brings greetings during the Jamaica Union Conference Service of Inauguration held at the Northern Caribbean University on Sabbath, May 9, 2026. [Photo: Jon-Marc Myrie]

In bringing greetings, Governor-General Sir Patrick Allen commended the Seventh-day Adventist Church for its continued service in education, health care, community outreach, and spiritual ministry.

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church has distinguished itself as a moral and spiritual force in Jamaica, helping to shape values, strengthen families, and foster national development through decades of faithful service," Allen said.



Deputy Prime Minister Horace Chang offers greetings during the Jamaica Union Conference Service of Inauguration held at the Northern Caribbean University on Sabbath, May 9, 2026. Chang commended the Seventh-day Adventist Church for its enduring contribution to education, youth development, and community outreach across Jamaica. [Photo: Nicholas Ellis]

Deputy Prime Minister Honourable Dr. Horace Chang, representing Prime Minister Dr. the Most Honourable Andrew Holness, commended the Church's contribution to Jamaica's national development and offered encouragement to the new administration.

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church has built a legacy of service in Jamaica," Chang said. "Through education, youth engagement, and community outreach, the Church continues to make a meaningful impact across Jamaica."



Minister of Health and Wellness Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton brings greetings during the Jamaica Union Conference Service of Inauguration held at Northern Caribbean University on Sabbath, May 9, 2026. [Photo: Nicholas Ellis]

Minister of Health and Wellness Dr. the Honourable Christopher Tufton praised the Church's partnership in promoting healthier communities and positive social values across the island.

"The Adventist Church has long been a critical partner in national development," Tufton said. "Its commitment to healthy living, education, discipline, and community upliftment continues to positively impact countless Jamaicans."



Leader of the Opposition Mark Golding brings greetings during the Jamaica Union Conference's Service of Inauguration held at the Northern Caribbean University on May 9, 2026. [Photo: Nicholas Ellis]

Opposition Leader Mark Golding acknowledged the important role of faith-based organizations in strengthening society and promoting moral leadership.

"At a time when societies everywhere are facing moral and social challenges, institutions like the Seventh-day Adventist Church remain important voices of hope, values, and community," Golding said.

The broad bipartisan representation at the service underscored the Church's longstanding influence within Jamaica's social and national landscape.

Throughout the service, speakers repeatedly emphasized unity, evangelism, discipleship, and the importance of remaining biblically anchored amid rapid cultural and societal change.



The musical group "Echoes of Praise" provides a ministry of music during the Service of Inauguration for the Jamaica Union Conference held at Northern Caribbean University on May 9, 2025. [Photo: Phillip Castell]

Musical selections, congregational worship, and moments of prayer reinforced the spiritual tone of the occasion throughout the afternoon.

Special prayers of dedication were offered for the newly inaugurated leaders as members pledged support for the Church's mission during the new quinquennium.

The new administration is expected to place continued emphasis on evangelism, youth engagement, education, digital ministry, stewardship, and community outreach during the new term.

The Jamaica Union Conference serves as the headquarters for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jamaica and oversees conferences, institutions, churches, and schools across the island with a combined membership of more than 340,000.

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At the Men & Beams & Couples Rally held on May 9, 2026, Paul Stantan (left), Men and Beams Coordinator for the St. James Chapter, presents an award for outstanding service within the Family Ministries Department, St. Elizabeth Chapter to Mr. and Mrs. Neil (center and right). [Photo: Wayne Clarke / WJC]

On Sabbath, May 9, 2026, the Santa Cruz Seventh-day Adventist Church in St. Elizabeth became a powerful center of fellowship as it hosted the West Jamaica Conference Men & BEAMS, and Couples Rally. Under the theme “All the Family in Mission – God’s Ideal,” the event drew an impressive crowd of over 1,200 attendees from across all four parishes, filling the sanctuary to capacity for a day dedicated to strengthening the foundation of the Christian home.

Men and Beams represents the full spectrum of male mentorship within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. While “Men” refers to adult males and fathers, “BEAMS” is a specific acronym for **B**rothers of **E**xcellence **A**ttaining **M**orals **a**nd **S**tandards, targeting young boys and teenagers. Together, they form a unified ministry where seasoned men provide the spiritual and social “support beams” necessary to guide the younger generation toward godly leadership, integrity, and strong moral character.

The gathering was a long-awaited triumph for the region. Originally scheduled for last year, the St. Elizabeth leg of the rally had been postponed due to the impact of Hurricane Melissa.

However, the delay did not dampen the spirit of the members, who arrived in their respective parish colors in a vibrant display of unity. Guest speaker Dr. Roy Dennis, Family Life Ministries Director for the Jamaica Union (JAMU), delivered a stirring message

focused on empowering men and couples to make their homes a primary field for mission.

Highlighting the importance of shared spiritual growth, Dr. Dennis noted: “As they are drawn near to Him, they are drawn nearer to each other in love, forgiveness, reconciliation, restoration, and renewal. The challenge for us as a church is to ensure that our families are grounded in the word of God, because when the family is strong, the church is strong, and the nation is strong.”

A moment to remember came with the recognition of a couple, Brother Creeton and Sister Paulette Reid, who celebrated 65 years of marriage. When asked how they maintained their bond for over six decades, they shared simple but profound advice:

“You need a good seasoning, and the seasoning in the pot is Jesus Christ. When we got married, we were not committed Christians, but we recognized that to knit ourselves together, we needed God in the family. So we got married on the 28th of January 1961, and we were baptized one year later on the 17th of February 1962.”

The afternoon session, led by West Jamaica Conference Family Ministries Director Pastor Norman & Mrs. Annette Thompson, turned the spotlight on dedicated service and the beauty of long-term commitment. While several awards

were presented for outstanding service to the department, Mr. Bernal and Mrs. Verona Neil of the Williamsfield Seventh-day Adventist Church in St. Elizabeth was elated to be recognized.

“My husband and I are thankful. We had no idea this surprise awaited us, and I thank Pastor Thompson and his team for a job well done with the Sabbath proceedings. It’s good to know when the church appreciates you.”

For Pastor Thompson, the day’s success was a testament to the department’s mission to reach beyond the church pews. Reflecting on the “jampacked” atmosphere, he stated: “The turnout was overwhelming... especially seeing the support. The church was filled with praying and praising folk. It wasn’t just a program for those inside the church, but a mission to reach men and beams in the community. The fellowship was good.”

As the final rally for 2026, the event concluded with a strong focus on mentorship and the importance of older men guiding the next generation. While the conference is already looking ahead to the 2027 series, the impact of this year’s rally remains a clear reminder that when a family is grounded in faith, they are truly equipped for God’s mission.

by Karissa Shaw | West Jamaica Conference

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Ten church employees kneel on stage during the consecration prayer led by Pastor Abner De los Santos, president of the Inter-American Division, as ordained ministers lay hands on them during the special Ministerial Commissioning Ceremony held May 2, 2026, in Miami, Florida, United States. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

NEWS FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

Inter-American Division Grants Commissioned Minister Credentials To 10 Employees

Leaders highlight mission, service, and the role of professionals in ministry.

May 4, 2026 | Miami, Florida, United States | Libna Stevens, Inter-American Division

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Inter-American Division (IAD) Headquarters Office granted Commissioned Minister Credentials to a group of its employees during a special ceremony held May 2, 2026, in Miami, Florida, United States.

The ceremony brought together dozens of church leaders, department heads, union administrators, and family members who gathered to witness and celebrate the occasion, recognizing the role of those serving the church



Church leaders from throughout the Inter-American Division enjoy the special ministerial commissioning Ceremony on May 2, 2026. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

“This is a special ceremony... people who have accepted the call and are already involved in fulfilling the mission,” said Pastor Abner De los Santos, president of the IAD.

The ceremony marked the first such commissioning service in over 15 years and the fourth held by the IAD leadership since 2005.

“A commissioned minister is an gospel worker who has demonstrated a divine calling and the necessary preparation, and is formally recognized by the Seventh-day Adventist Church—in this case, the Inter-American Division,” explained Pastor Josney Rodríguez, ministerial association secretary of the IAD. “The individual is entrusted with authority to perform pastoral functions within a defined territorial scope, and this recognition is granted through the commissioning credential.”

According to the church's working policy, when an employing organization deems it appropriate to grant commissioned minister credentials, a ceremony is held to formally recognize and affirm the individual's service.



Pastor Al Powell, president of the Belize Union, smiles as he enjoys the special commissioning Ceremony next to his wife Zoraida on May 2, 2026. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

To be considered for the commissioned minister credential, the employee must be in regular standing in the Seventh-day Adventist church with more than five years of service and must demonstrate proficiency.

Commissioned ministers may serve as associates in pastoral care, Bible instructors, Division, union and local conference/mission treasurers and departmental directors including associate and assistant directors, institutional chaplains, presidents and vice presidents of major institutions and auditors. (Working Policy BA 0510).

The ceremony included Inter-American Division employees Sandra Pinto, women's ministries and children's and adolescents ministries director; Janelle Scantlebury-Smith, associate secretary; Libna Stevens, assistant communication director; Abilio Cima, undertreasurer; Juan José Morán, associate treasurer; Franck Généus, health ministries director; and Rubén Ponce, ADRA Inter-America director; as well as Inter-American Division Publishing Association (IADPA) employees Clara Spengler, vice president of sales; Mónica Díaz, editor; and Elías Peiró, vice president of production.



Pastor Abner De los Santos, president of the Inter-American Division, addresses attendees during the commissioning ceremony at the IAD headquarters in Miami, Florida, United States. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

A Calling Rooted in Mission

In his remarks, Pastor De los Santos emphasized that those recognized were not present by coincidence, but by divine calling.

“None of us is here by chance...we are here because we have been chosen by God for a special mission,” he said.

He also underscored the importance of spiritual transformation in service, noting that God continues shaping individuals for mission as they seek His presence.

“God invites us into His presence to continue transforming us,” he added as he addressed the congregation.



Pastor Israel Leito, former Inter-American Division president, delivers a message during the commissioning ceremony held May 2, 2026, in Miami, Florida, United States. [Photo: Daniel Gallardo/IAD]

Service Defined by Love and Commitment

During the ceremony, Pastor Israel Leito, former president of the IAD, delivered a special message centered on the meaning of service, drawing from Romans 15.

Leito challenged attendees to view their roles not as employment, but as a calling rooted in love and dedication to God.

“The value of service is not the issue—the privilege is the issue,” he said. “True service is not motivated by compensation, but by commitment to God’s mission,” he added.

Leito also highlighted the central role of the church in sustaining ministry, pointing to the importance of prayer and collective support.

“Everything you have done is because the church has been praying for you,” he said.

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CALENDAR OF MISSION 2026

May

- 1 - 31 CELEBRATIONS - Emphasis on Beliefs
- 1 - 31 Stewardship - Emphasis on Treasure
- 1 - 31 Child's Month/ Children in Mission Evangelism
- 1 - 31 Drug Addiction & Awareness Month
- 2 Community Services Day/ Lay Preachers & Bible Workers' Federation Rally - St. James
- 3 Communion with God - Hour of Prayer
- 3 Community Services Expo
- 2 - 4 May It Go Well with You - Public Campus Ministries
- 6 Teachers' Day
- 9 Adventist Volunteer/ VividFaith Day
- 9 Men & Beams, and Couples Rally - St. Elizabeth
- 10 Mother's Day Concert
- 10 - 15 Celebration of the Family in Schools - Family Week of Prayer
- 12 Executive Committee Meeting
- 16 Global Adventurer Day/ Church Clerk 7th Sabbath Attendance Count
- 21 Ministerial Development Seminar
- 23 UNASSIGNED
- 24 - 25 Labour Day Projects - EYES Hurricane Outreach Projects: See the Need, Meet the Need (GOS, KMG)
- 24 - 30 Children's Evangelism Week (CSJ)
- 25 Public Holiday - Labour Day
- 30 Children's Baptismal Day (CSJ)

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2026, May 1

To: All Pastors and Members
The Seventh-day Adventist Church
West Jamaica Conference

Fellow Servants of the Living God,

Please accept Christian greetings from the administration of the West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The devastation left by Hurricane Melissa has exacerbated some of the key spiritual markers that generally define or represent the identity and health of the church. The trends in church attendance in general, participation in Bible study, prayer meeting, stewardship, and mission have given pause for concern and require immediate action from those who lead the Church at all levels. Consequently, the administration will be hosting a special **Conservation Summit** from **May 29 - 31, 2026**, at the Noel Fraser Auditorium, Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre, Montego Bay, St. James. Details are as follows:

Church officers invited: First Elders, Conservation Elders, Sabbath School Superintendents, and Youth Leaders.

Cost: \$3,000 per delegate; \$2,500 if four or more delegates are sent.

Theme: "Grounded in the Bible, Focused on the Mission, Restoring Hope."

Registration begins at **3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29**. While we are aware that many congregations are still grappling with the aftermath of Melissa, we cannot allow the Mission to suffer. Together, we rebuild; together, we recover; and together, we push the Mission. A pre-registration link will be provided to aid information flow.

Yours in the Master's Service,

Vincent G. Rose (Pastor) M.A., J.P.
PRESIDENT

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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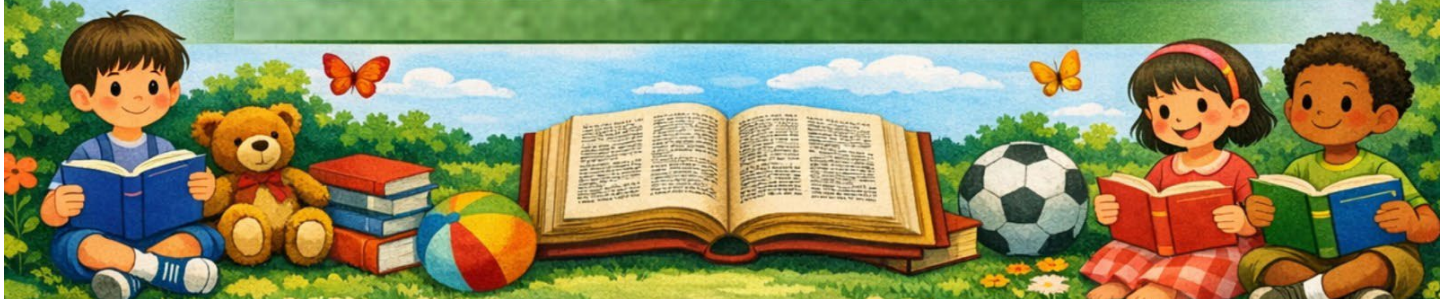


**West Jamaica Conference
Children's Ministries Department**



Child's Month 2026 Bible Verses for Each Day

May 1 Mark 10:14	May 2 Psalm 127:3	May 3 Isaiah 54:13	May 4 Proverbs 22:6	May 5 Psalm 139:14	May 6 Philippians 4:7	May 7 Matthew 18:10
May 8 Jeremiah 29:11	May 9 3 John 1:4	May 10 Psalm 91:11	May 11 Psalm 91:11	May 11 Ephesians 6:1	May 12 Joshua 1:9	May 13 Joshua 1:9
May 14 Isaiah 40:31	May 15 Psalm 34:18	May 15 Luke 2:52	May 16 Psalm 2:52	May 17 Romans 15:13	May 18 Deuteronomy 6:6-7	May 20 1 Peter 5:7
May 21 Psalm 68:6	May 22 Matthew 11:28	May 23 Proverbs 17:6	May 24 Proverbs 17:6	May 25 Zephaniah 3:17	May 26 Psalm 66:6	May 27 Psalm 147:3
May 29 Psalm 147:3	May 27 Colossians 3:21	May 28 2 Timothy 1:7	May 29 James 1:17	May 30 Psalm 46:1	May 30 Psalm 46:1	May 31 Numbers 6:24-26



GENERAL CONFERENCE

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GENERAL CONFERENCE
ADVENTIST YOUTH MINISTRIES



MAY 16, 2026

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PERSONAL MINISTRIES

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WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Personal Ministries Department

LAY PREACHERS' & BIBLE WORKERS' FEDERATION RALLY

THEME: **GROUNDING IN THE BIBLE, FOCUSED ON THE MISSION, RESTORING HOPE**

MAY
23, 2026

Venue: Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre
Mount Salem Rd, Montego Bay

Starting @ **9AM**

Guest Presenters



Pr. **Jermaine Johnson**
President, North Jamaica Conference



Pr. **Omar Oliphant**
PARL Director, EJC & Pastor, Andrews Memorial SDA Church

EXPECTED ATTENDEES:

Personal Ministries Leaders and Secretaries, Lay Preachers, Bible Workers Interest Coordinators and all other Personal Ministries Personnel.

PERSONAL MINISTRIES

JUNE



WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE
Personal Ministries Department

WESTMORELAND

LAY PREACHERS & BIBLE WORKERS' FEDERATION RALLY

& the Launch of **Proclamation of Hope Series**

THEME: **GROUNDING IN THE BIBLE,
FOCUSING ON THE MISSION, RESTORING HOPE**

JUNE 6, 2026

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
FOOTPRINTS

Savanna-la-Mar, Westmoreland,
Jamaica

Guest Presenters



DIVINE WORSHIP
Pr. Jermaine Johnson
President,
North Jamaica Conference



SABBATH SCHOOL
Pr. Barrington Mclean,
Sabbath School Director
JAMU



AFTERNOON SPEAKER
Dr. Joseph Smith
Vice President / Ministerial Secretary
JAMU

EXPECTED ATTENDEES:

Lay Preachers, Bible Workers, Personal Ministries Leaders and Secretaries, and all other Personal Ministries Personnel

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West Jamaica Conference Mentorship Initiative

MENTORSHIP TRAINING 2026

TRAINING SCHEDULE

HANOVER

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026
9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.
FACE-TO-FACE | HANOVER
PROBATION OFFICE

ST. JAMES

MAY 11, 12, 14, 18, 19 & 21, 2026
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
ONLINE

ST. ELIZABETH

May 18, 19 & 21, 2026
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Online

WESTMORELAND

MAY 18, 19 & 21, 2026
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
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ST. ELIZABETH
JUNE 7 | 6AM

ST. JAMES
JUNE 14 | 6AM

WESTMORELAND
JUNE 21 | 6AM

HANOVER
JUNE 28 | 6AM



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West Jamaica Conference
Youth Ministries Department

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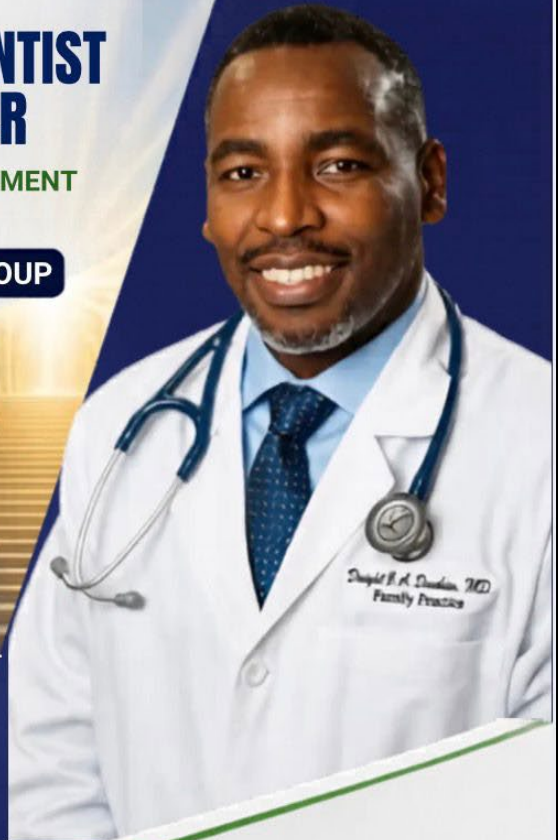


SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH FLANKER

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Theme:
Journeying from Eden to Heaven

 **WHEN:** May 23, 2026 to June 6, 2026

 **WHERE:** Flanker SDA


 **TIME:** 9:15am Sabbaths & 7pm Nightly



COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR



 **WHEN:**
June 5 & 7, 2026

 **WHERE:**
Flanker Primary School, Flanker, Montego Bay, St James

 **TIME:** 9am-5pm

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- Basic Health screening checks
- Papsmear screening
- Medication dispensing
- School medical
- Dental cleaning & Extraction

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-  Pediatricians
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-  General Practitioners
-  Gynecologist
-  Dentists



LOCAL EVENTS

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AdventHealth, Andrews Memorial Hospital Ltd.,
Jamaica Union Conference & West Jamaica Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists (SDA)

Medical Mission Health Fair in *St. Elizabeth*



MAY 18-22, 2026

DAILY HOURS:
Registration: 8:00 a.m.
Event: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FIVE LOCATIONS – ONE MISSION

	MONDAY MAY 18	Junction SDA Church
	TUESDAY MAY 19	New Market SDA Church (Under the Tent)
	WEDNESDAY MAY 20	InTown SuperCentre, School Street, Black River
	THURSDAY MAY 21	White Hill SDA Church
	FRIDAY MAY 22	Santa Cruz SDA Church

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WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

NOTICE THE SEVENTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION FOR WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Notice is hereby given that the **Seventh Quadrennial Session of the West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists** will be held on **JULY 12 - 13, 2026** at the **Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre, Mt. Salem Road, Montego Bay. St James.**

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Noel Frazer Auditorium.

This session is called to:

- ◆ Receive reports from the officers and the various departments.
- ◆ Elect Administrators and Departmental Directors to serve the ensuing term.
- ◆ Consider revisions and changes of the Conference's constitution and by-laws.
- ◆ Discuss and appropriately adopt the strategic plan to guide the activities of the Conference.
- ◆ Transact such other business as may be placed before the delegates

Vincent Rose, President
Donovan F. Williams, Executive Secretary
Marion Barrett-Popkin, Treasurer



LOCAL EVENTS

JULY



NORWOOD

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*Friday Evening Online Vesper Service
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JULY 10-11

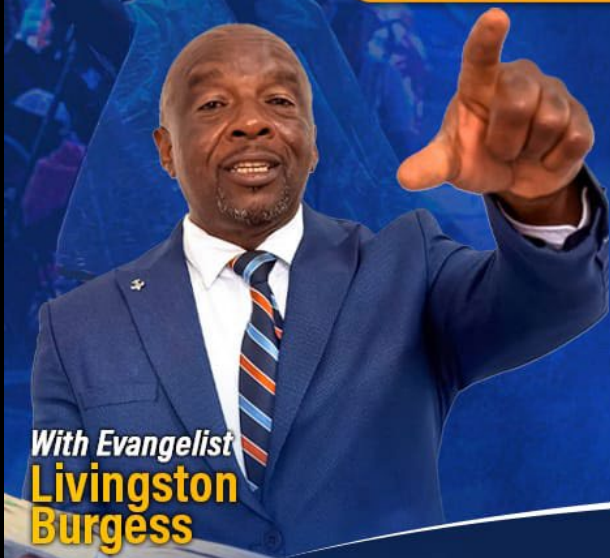
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SABBATHS 9:15AM
REST NIGHTS: TUE & FRI



Under the Tent at
Red Ground Ball Field
Lilliput, St. James

LOCAL EVENTS

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THE LUCEA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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INSPIRATIONAL SINGING / BABY DEDICATIONS



WITH PASTOR
DEVON HEATH
EVANGELIST

STARTING: SABBATH,

APRIL 18
2026

NIGHTLY MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM
SABBATHS AT 9:15 AM



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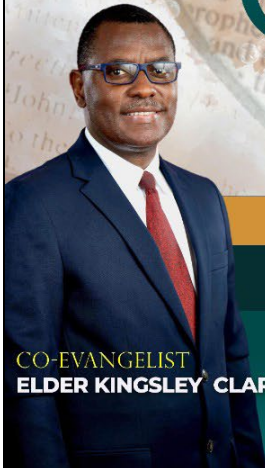
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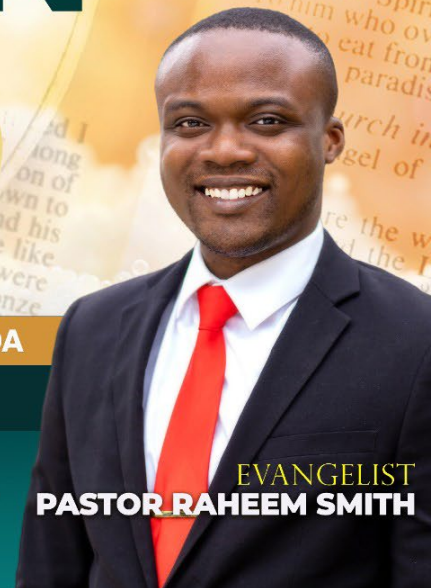
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REFLECTING THE LIGHT

Giving God thanks



Giving thanks to God is distinct from general gratitude. While thankfulness toward others acknowledges human kindness, thanksgiving to God recognizes the ultimate source of all life, breath, and goodness. It is an act of worship, a posture of the heart that says, 'Everything I have is a gift.'

At its foundation, giving thanks to God shifts our gaze from our circumstances to His character.

When the psalmist declares, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever," the emphasis falls not on changing situations but on unchanging nature. God's goodness isn't dependent on whether life feels easy or hard. Thanksgiving, therefore, becomes an act of trust. It looks beyond the present trial and says, "Even now, you are worthy." This is why Scripture repeatedly commands thankfulness, not because God needs our praise but because we need the reorientation it brings.

In the bible, thanksgiving often precedes miracles. Before Jesus fed the five thousand, He gave thanks for the loaves and fish. Before raising Lazarus, He thanked the Father for hearing Him. Gratitude didn't wait until after the provision; it paved the way for it. When we thank God in advance, we acknowledge that He is already at work, even when we cannot see it. This kind of thankfulness requires faith. It's easy to give thanks when the paycheck clears or the test results come back negative. But to give thanks in the waiting, that is the sacrifice of praise that pleases God.

Thanksgiving also makes room for joy in suffering. Not

gratitude for the pain itself, but gratitude for God's presence within it. Paul and Silas, beaten and chained in a filthy prison, sang hymns of thanks at midnight. They didn't thank God for the chains; they thanked God despite the chains. And the result? The prison shook, the doors opened, and their jailer found salvation. Thanksgiving broke supernatural power into their darkness.

In the end, giving thanks to God isn't about pretending life is perfect. It's about trusting that the One who holds life is perfect. It's the declaration that His love endures forever—not just in the mountaintops, but in the valleys; not just in answered prayers, but in the silence; not just in life, but in death itself. For the Christian, thanksgiving is the language of hope. And that is why, even now, we can say with full hearts: Thanks be to God.

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RAISING MENTALLY STRONG CHILDREN



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Mental health conditions in children develop through a complex interaction of biological, environmental, and psychological factors.

Key causes include genetic predispositions, brain chemistry, traumatic experiences (such as abuse, neglect, or loss), chronic illness, and stressful environments like poverty or family conflict.

The developmental domains of a child's growth include the cognitive, social, emotional, and motor skills which are also known as building blocks. Each domain plays a significant role in shaping how children think, move, interact and manage tasks.

Mental strength can happen in steps. It all starts with one first step. Together these domains lay the foundation for success in school, social situations and everyday tasks.

A child's mental health is inherently positive. It entails a state of positive psychological, emotional and social wellbeing. However, mental health conditions are largely linked to factors such as exposure to violence, stigma, discrimination, conflict, abuse, neglect, displacement, single parenting, feelings of fear or shame, abuse, poverty, etc.

With so many negative and toxic factors taking place in homes and society today, particularly in the lives of children, it is of paramount importance that the subject of how daily habits impact children's mental health become a subject of importance in protecting and safeguarding children.

Here are some tips that will help you to boost your child's mental health and improve confidence.

1. Affirm your child daily in his or her personal love language
2. Encourage open communication
3. Teach your child positive self-talk
4. Address the child a one-on one basis
5. Never include negative statements along with your affirmation
6. Develop a strong and positive parent-child relationship by responding to your child's emotional and physical needs

7. Establish a weekly family time to share activities
8. Decrease stress and conflict while supporting normal activities
9. Establish daily routines such as sleep time, wake-up time, meal-time, and worship time.
10. Work on your coping mechanisms and wellbeing as you seek to be a positive influence for your child mental wellbeing
11. Check-in with your child. Ask how things are going with school and friends
12. Pay keen attention to details, facial expressions and body language during rapport.
13. Listen more than you talk and try to understand what the child is trying to say.
14. Validate your child's feeling by saying things such as "tell me more, I understand, I heard you."
15. Encourage your child to learn about emotions and how to label negative emotions as "red flags"
16. Foster reliance through play and emotional validation
17. Ask your child to come up with ideas when he or she feels sad, scared, mad or otherwise upset.
18. Allow the child to lead as he or she learns coping mechanisms that works for him or her.
19. If your child wants to be heard, be present and respectful.
20. Take an active interest in your child. Be aware of changes in his or her behaviour. Learn more about mental health in children.

Remember:

Difficult situations, including bullying, school failure, chronic family conflict, or living in poverty, can disrupt a children's mental health. Self-worth can be earned but it must also be experienced. Therefore, give your child the best chance for a strong and lasting feeling of mental, emotional and social wellbeing. Never forget that the word "love" is a firm foundation for happiness and mental wellness. Negative experiences such as abuse and neglect can adversely impact a children's mental health.

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