

West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Operation Family First – *September to Remember 2026*

Purpose

Operation Family First – September to Remember 2026 is a conference-wide evangelistic initiative designed to mobilize every member in intentional, relational soul-winning. Through prayer, Bible study, community engagement, health ministry, literature evangelism, technology, and public proclamation, members will work together to lead individuals and families into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Objectives

Operation Family First – September to Remember seeks to:

1. Increase the involvement of every church member in fulfilling Christ's Great Commission.
2. Foster a renewed passion for evangelism and disciple-making throughout the Conference.
3. Experience both spiritual renewal among members and numerical growth in every congregation.
4. Engage at least 100 members in every pastoral district, with each member intentionally ministering to seven (7) non-Adventist family or community members.
5. Encourage those being worked with to participate in the online Bible Study Series beginning August 24, 2026, and continuing throughout September.
6. Have every congregation conduct a simultaneous weekend evangelistic series during the month of September.
7. Add at least two (2) new baptized members to every congregation during the month of September.

Strategic Focus

Operation Family First is built upon the following strategic actions:

1. Total Member Involvement

Every church member is encouraged to participate by utilizing his or her: Spiritual gifts, Professional and vocational skills, Talents, Interest, Personal influence, Available resources. Every member is a missionary.

2. Relational Evangelism

Each pastoral district should engage **at least 100 members**, with each member intentionally ministering to **seven (7) non-Adventist family or community members**.

Groundwork may include: Earnest prayer, Bible studies, Acts of kindness and social intervention, Health education, Literature distribution, Digital evangelism and technology, Friendship evangelism.

3. Weekend Evangelistic Series

Every congregation should conduct a simultaneous evangelistic series during each weekend of September. Services should be held on: Friday evenings, Sabbaths, Sundays. Where practical, **Sunday meetings should be conducted within the community** to maximize outreach.

4. Local Evangelistic Speakers

Each congregation should identify and confirm an evangelistic speaker by August 15, 2026.

5. Online Bible Study Series

Members should invite every Bible interest to participate in the Conference Online Bible Study Series. **Schedule:**

- Begins: **Monday, August 24, 2026**
- Every Monday and Wednesday evening
- Concludes: **Wednesday, September 23, 2026**

6. Baptismal Goal

Every congregation is encouraged to baptize **at least two (2) individuals** during September 2026.

7. Sabbath School Evangelism

Every Sabbath School Unit should:

- Minister intentionally to non-Adventist members within the unit.
- Prepare unbaptized members for baptism.
- Maintain a master list of: Unbaptized members, Non-attendees, Bible interests being nurtured by unit members

8. Congregational Master List

Every congregation should maintain an up-to-date master list of all non-Adventist family and community members being nurtured.

The list should include: Name, Telephone number, Address (where available), Member assigned to the interest, Progress toward baptism.

9. District Master List

Each pastor should maintain a district-wide master list identifying: Members actively involved in the initiative, Bible interests being nurtured, and Progress reports from each congregation

10. Bible Study Materials

Witnessing teams are encouraged to utilize: **Seven Steps or God's Answer for Today's Family**

These may be used in either printed or digital formats to prepare candidates for baptism.

Who Should Be Involved?

Operation Family First – September to Remember is for the entire church.

Participants include: Conference Administrators, Departmental Directors, Pastors, Conference Workers, Elders, Church Leaders, Departmental Leaders, Lay Preachers, Bible Instructors, Colporteurs, Every Church Member.

Timeline

Commencement: Monday, August 24, 2026- Launch of the Online Bible Study Series

Conclusion: Sabbath, September 26, 2026 - Grand Baptism and Celebration

Conserve and Disciple

Every congregation shall establish a **Conserve and Disciple Committee**, chaired by the Elder responsible for Conservation or the Personal Ministries Director.

The Committee shall ensure that:

1. Every newly baptized member is warmly welcomed into the church family.
2. Every baptized member receives a Baptismal Certificate.
3. Every baptized member receives a Baptismal Package.
4. A structured orientation programme is provided for all new believers.
5. Spiritual, social, and practical support systems are established to nurture long-term discipleship and faithful church membership.

Grand Baptism and Celebration

Date: Sabbath, September 26, 2026

- The primary baptismal and celebration venue will be the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre, Mount Salem.
- All baptisms should be reported promptly to the Conference Secretariat.

Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

— *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 9, p. 117*