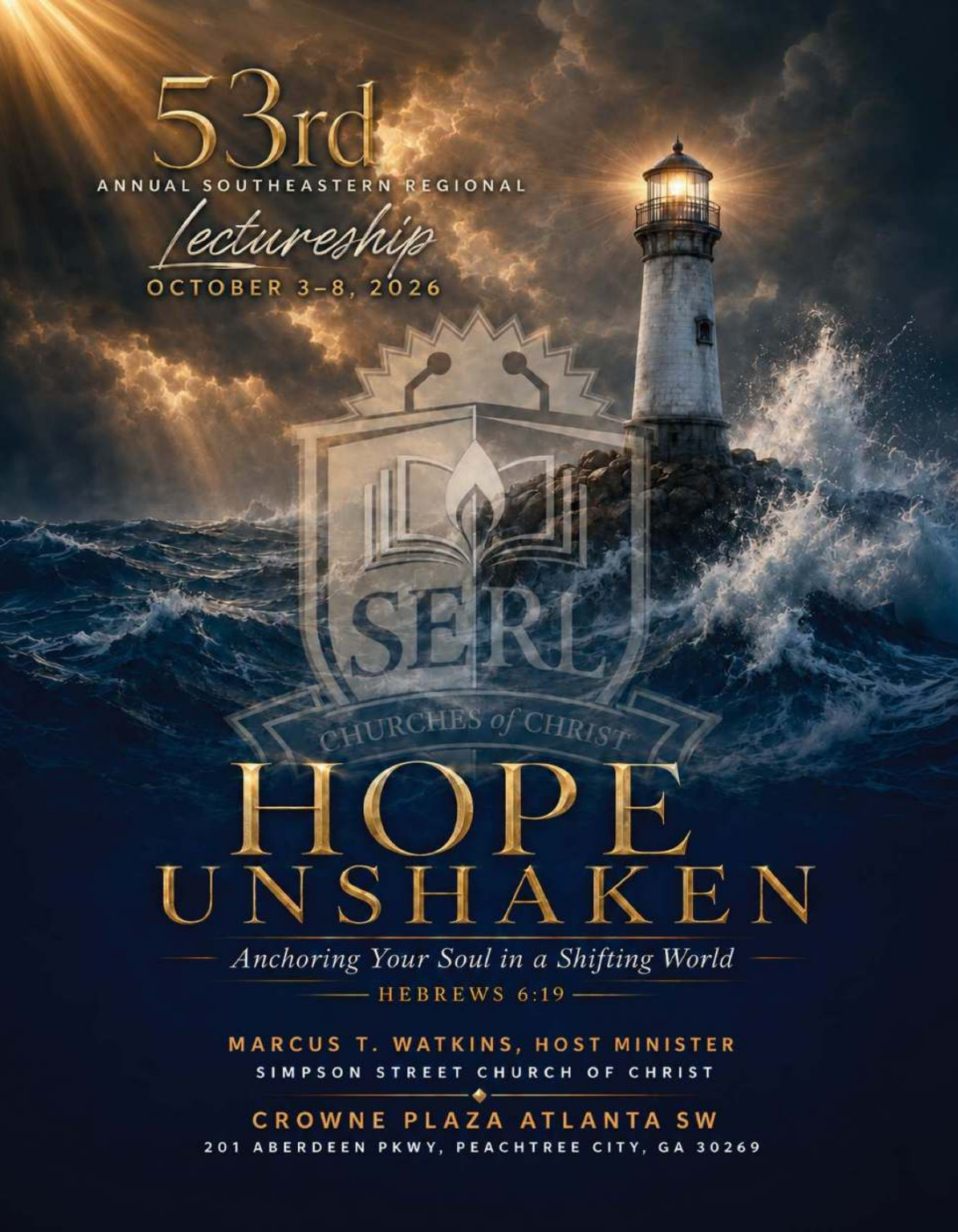

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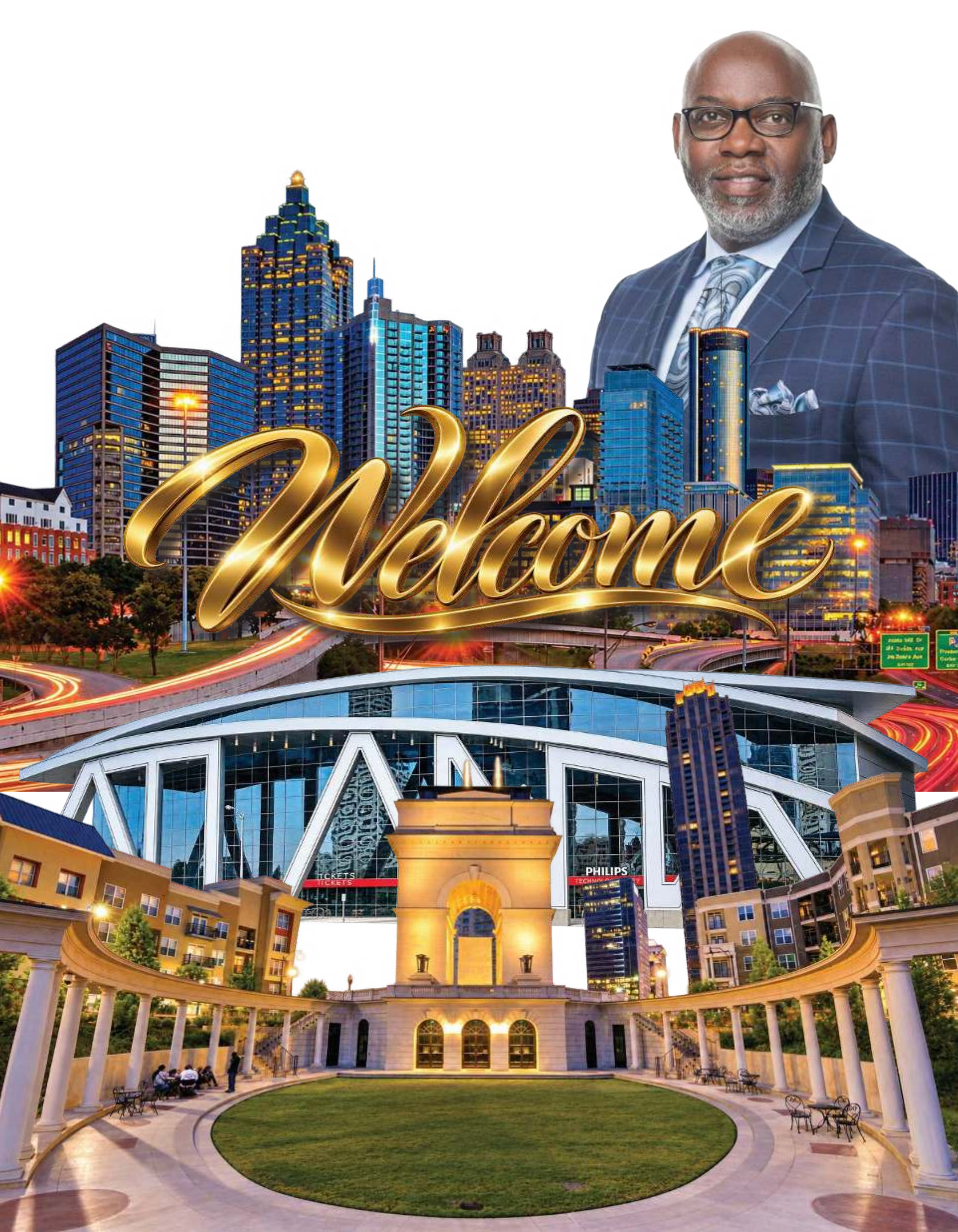
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are deeply honored to serve as your host congregation for this historic gathering of ministers, elders, church leaders, teachers, members, families, and friends from across our brotherhood. For more than five decades, the Southeastern Regional Lectureship has provided a place for fellowship, biblical teaching, spiritual renewal, and strengthening the Church of our Lord.

This year, we gather under the theme:
“HOPE UNSHAKEN: Anchoring Your Soul in a Shifting World”
Hebrews 6:19.

We live in a world where so much seems uncertain. Culture is shifting. Families are facing new pressures. Congregations are navigating new challenges. Communities are searching for answers. Yet, in the midst of everything that changes around us, our hope in Jesus Christ remains secure.

Hebrews 6:19 reminds us that the hope we have in Christ is **“an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast”.** That is our prayer for this lectureship: that when we leave Peachtree City, we will leave more firmly anchored in Christ than when we arrived.

Throughout this week, we pray your experience will be **enjoyable**, as you reconnect with longtime friends and establish new relationships; **inspirational**, as preaching, worship, fellowship, and encouragement renew your passion for Christ and His Church; and **educational**, as classes, lectures, workshops, and conversations provide biblical insight and practical tools for ministry and Christian living.

We also hope you will experience the warmth and hospitality of the Simpson Street Church of Christ. Our congregation has prepared for your arrival with prayer and anticipation, and it is our desire that every guest know that you are not simply attending a lectureship—you are being welcomed by family. Paul reminds us: “There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.” **1 Corinthians 12:5–6**

Different congregations. Different communities. Different gifts. Different assignments. **But one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one hope that remains unshaken.**

Thank you for allowing Simpson Street the privilege of serving as host of the 53rd Southeastern Regional Lectureship. May God bless your travels, your fellowship, your worship, and every moment we share together.

And when the world around us continues to shift, may we leave here remembering:

Our circumstances may change.
Our challenges may change.
Our world may change.
But our anchor has not moved.

Welcome to the **53rd Southeastern Regional Lectureship.** Welcome to **Hope Unshaken.**

In Christian Love,

Marcus T. Watkins
Senior Minister, Simpson Street Church of Christ
Host, 53rd Southeastern Regional Lectureship

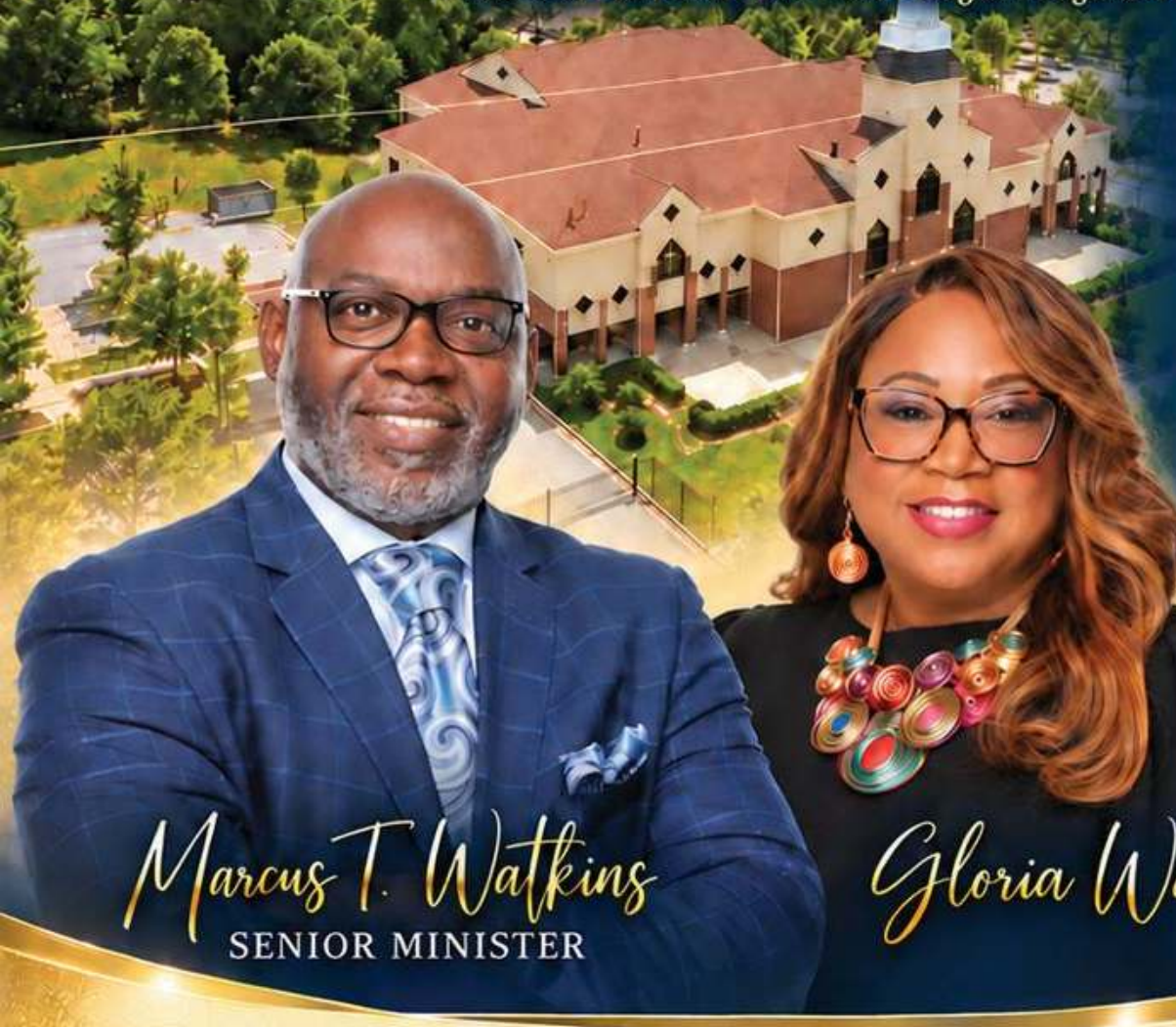
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WELCOME TO ATLANTA

On behalf of the City of Atlanta, it is our pleasure to welcome you once again to our great city for the Southeastern Regional Lectureship of the Churches of Christ.

Atlanta is honored to serve as the host city for this year's gathering, and we are pleased to extend our warmest greetings to everyone joining us from throughout the region and beyond. Gatherings such as this provide an important opportunity to deepen faith, strengthen fellowship, and encourage one another through shared worship, learning, and service.

The City of Atlanta is proud to welcome events that bring people together around values of community, compassion, and purpose. We hope your time here will be both spiritually enriching and personally meaningful, as you reconnect with old friends, build new relationships, and reflect on the important work that continues beyond this gathering.

While you are in Atlanta, we encourage you to experience some of the many historic, cultural, and iconic destinations that make our city unique. We hope you will enjoy Atlanta's hospitality and discover a little more of what makes our city such a special place to visit.

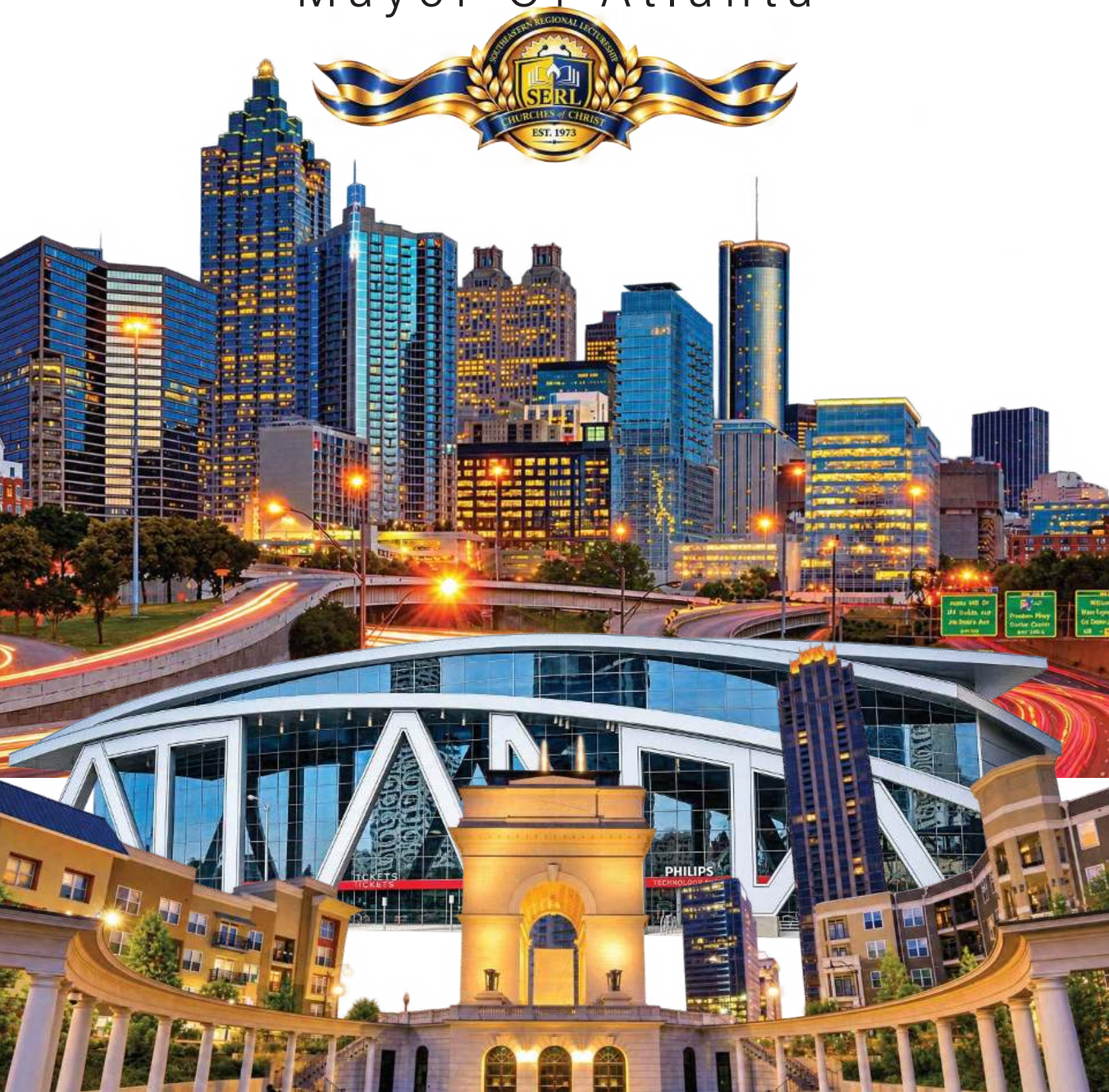
Thank you for choosing Atlanta once again as the home of this important event. We are delighted to welcome you back and wish you a memorable, uplifting, and blessed Southeastern Regional Lectureship.



Greetings from Our Mayor

Andre Dickens

Mayor Of Atlanta



October 5, 2026

Greetings,

As the 61st Mayor of Atlanta, I am pleased to welcome the Churches of Christ to our city for the 53rd Annual Southeastern Regional Lectureship. We are honored that Atlanta has been chosen as the host for this year's gathering, and I extend my warmest greetings to all who have traveled across the Southeast to take part in this important occasion.

Since its founding in 1973, the Southeastern Regional Lectureship has brought people of faith together to be inspired, encouraged, and uplifted through God's word. This mission reflects values that our city proudly shares, service, unity, and hope for the future.

Faith-based events such as this enrich our community by strengthening fellowship, guiding us in hope, and reminding us of the power of shared purpose. I commend the Simpson Street Church of Christ for hosting this year's conference and for its ongoing commitment to spiritual growth and community engagement in Atlanta.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I welcome you with gratitude and best wishes for a meaningful week of worship, connection, and inspiration. May the lessons, fellowship, and encouragement you share during this Lectureship continue to bless your congregations and strengthen your service long after these days together have ended.

Sincerely,
Mayor Andre Dickens





Purpose and History Of The

Southeastern Regional Lectureship



Purpose Of The Southeastern Regional Lectureship

As this lectureship was born out of deep and abiding concern for the integrity of the church, the church's future in the Southeast, and a desire for a deeper commitment of the divinely intended function of the church, we will concentrate on the strengths, weaknesses, veracity, and problems of the church in this geographical area.

We hope to build and strengthen the church in this region through fellowship, exposure, interaction, identifying and dealing with the church in the light of the true position it now holds in the world. The objective is to use this lectureship as a means of discovering, viewing, and dealing with problems and concerns viewed by the membership. Accordingly, it is hoped that church leaders and members will benefit from this venture of hope and faith designed to determine what matters members consider important.

While lectures and other presentations will be a part of this program, the lectureship does not have as its purpose the goal of providing preachers an opportunity to appear before the people. Every designed event and occurrence will be aimed at the single objective of discovering and understanding the church and its problems in the light of God's Word and present truth.

By God's help, we will utilize all our energies in an effort to aid the church in focusing on those things that hinder or enhance its growth. Since as God's stewards of the resources that He has given us, we must provide against waste and responsibility. We will do our best to make it possible for everyone who comes to be exposed to the maximum benefit for the time, interest, and finance invested.

We solicit your help and cooperation in making this event beneficial to all who come that our lives as Christians may be improved, and that God may be glorified.

May God bless you for your prayers and support, may our lives be richer because of this effort, and may all glory and praise be to Him.

THE LATE
Bro. James W. Kennedy
Evangelist



History Of The Southeastern Regional Lectureship



The Annual Southeastern Lectureship of the Churches of Christ was born September 22, 1973, when a group of brethren evidenced a mutual interest in an annual meeting in the Southeast area, in Greenville, South Carolina at the Church of Christ – I-85, to determine if there was sufficient. The Annual Southeastern Lectureship of the Churches of Christ resulted from a conversation (September 22, 1973) between James Kennedy, Minister of the Church of Christ at I-85 in Greenville, SC and Andrew J. Hairston, Minister of the Simpson Street Church of Christ in Atlanta, GA. They discussed the possibility of an annual lectureship in the Southeastern Region of the country focused on issues that Churches of Christ in the Southeast might face. Upon their agreement that the lectureship held potential for the health of the church, Kennedy and Hairston contacted others (primarily ministers) to determine their interest in such an endeavor.

Pursuant to a common interest in the birth of a regional lectureship, ministers and brothers gathered September 22, 1973, at the Church of Christ at I-85 for the purpose of discussing and planning this new venture. Attendees at the meeting included James Kennedy, Greensville, SC; Andrew J. Hairston, Atlanta, GA; Frank N. McElveen, Charleston, SC; Ivory Hunter, Asheville, NC; Charles Harbinson, Asheville, NC; Zebedee Moore, Valdosta, GA; Louis Guthrie, Atlanta, GA; Lee Guthrie, Georgetown, AL; Timothy McCleskey, Nashville, TN; Richard Copeland, Greenville, SC and Richard Williams, Augusta, GA.

In the meeting, it was fully agreed that there was a need for a well-planned annual lectureship and that it should focus on the present life of the church and potential issues and problems that the church might face in the southeastern United States. Thus, the birth of the "Annual Southeastern Regional Lectureship of the Churches of Christ." Those in attendance unanimously chose Dr. Andrew J. Hairston to serve as the first Coordinator and Richard Copeland (a member of the I-85 congregation) to serve as its first Secretary. The group further agreed that the following men would serve as committeemen for their respective states: Frank N. McElveen (South Carolina), Ivory Hunter (North Carolina), Zebedee Moore (Georgia), Lee Guthrie (Alabama), and Timothy McCleskey (Tennessee).
These were all faithful ministers and men of the church who – along with others across the region- were concerned primarily with preserving the biblical nature of the Lord's Church in spite of the sociological, cultural, political, economic and religious impacts on the church. These brothers were concerned about the direction and the further development of the church in this region.
In this meeting the following characteristics of the leadership were decided:

- The Lectureship will be held in a different state each year.
- Held in the month of October, during the week following the first Sunday of the month.
- The Lectureship would always be concerned with issues germane to the southeastern area and not the issues of a particular congregation.
- I-85 Church of Christ would be the host of the first annual Lectureship October 1974, and the meeting was adjourned.

Although persons from the area mentioned were present at the inception of the lectureship, other individuals have become faithful and welcomed participants in this great gathering. The Lectureship has, since its beginning, been a blessing to those for whom it was created. Its designed goal is to continue the pursuit of the course of doing God's Will together with those who love God, HIs church and His people.

THE LATE
Dr. Andrew J. Hairston
Evangelist



1974 GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA (I-85)
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1976 ATLANTA, GEORGIA (SIMPSON STREET)
1977 FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA (GOLDEN HEIGHTS)
1978 AUGUSTA, GEORGIA (D'ANTIGNAC STREET)
1979 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA (N. SIDE & S. SIDE)

1980 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (VANCE AVENUE)
1981 GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA (I-85)
1982 AUGUSTA, GEORGIA (D'ANTIGNAC STREET)
1983 GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA (I-85)
1984 VALDOSTA, GEORGIA (SOUTHSIDE)
1985 TAMPA, FLORIDA (HIGHLAND AVE)
1986 CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (AVONDALE)
1987 CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA (AZALEA DRIVE)
1988 DECATUR, ALABAMA (MOULTON HEIGHTS)
1989 AUGUSTA, GEORGIA (D'ANTIGNAC STREET)

1990 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA (WESTSIDE)
1991 MACON, GEORGIA (PLANT STREET)
1992 HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA (OLGA AVENUE)
1993 ATLANTA, GEORGIA (TURNER ROAD)
1994 SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (LIBERTY CITY)
1995 VALDOSTA, GEORGIA (WESTSIDE)
1996 DECATUR, ALABAMA (MOULTON HEIGHTS)
1997 MIAMI, FLORIDA (LIBERTY CITY)
1998 DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA (SOUTHSIDE)
1999 TAMPA, FLORIDA (NORTHSIDE)

2000 GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA (I-85)
2001 FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA (COUNTRY CLUB)
2002 COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA (PARK STREET)
2003 RICHMOND, VIRGINIA (DILL AVENUE)
2004 SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (LIBERTY CITY)
2005 ATLANTA, GEORGIA (GREENBRIAR)
2006 CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA (AZALEA DRIVE)
2007 DECATUR, ALABAMA (MOULTON HEIGHTS)
2008 DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA (SOUTHSIDE)
2009 VALDOSTA, GEORGIA (SOUTHSIDE)

2010 GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA (COLISEUM)
2011 AUGUSTA, GEORGIA (GRACE STREET)
2012 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA (INHERITANCE)
2013 ORLANDO, FLORIDA (SOUTHSIDE)
2014 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (EAST JACKSON)
2015 ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA (FIFTH AVENUE)
2016 ATLANTA, GEORGIA (CAMP CREEK)
2017 HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA (MOULTON HEIGHTS)
2018 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI (WEST OAK GROVE)
2019 FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA (LIBERTY CITY)

2022 VALDOSTA, GEORGIA (WOODLAWN FORREST)
2023 AUGUSTA, GEORGIA (GRACE STREET)
2024 HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA (MOULTON HEIGHTS)
2025 ATLANTA, GEORGIA (CAMP CREEK)

CURRENT LOCATION

2026 ATLANTA, GEORGIA (SIMPSON STREET)
MARCUS T. WATKINS

FUTURE LOCATION

2027 WINSTON SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA (CARVER ROAD)
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Lectureships and Workshops

2026 SERL ITINERARY

MONDAY OCTOBER 5

AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION

2:00 – 4:30 PM

McIntosh Ballroom
Inspiration Hall Building

WELCOME

DEREK FRANKLIN
Sunset Blvd. Church of Christ | Columbia, SC
Faith That Inspires the Future
2 Timothy 1:5-7

ANTHONY CAMPBELL
Folly Road Church of Christ | Charleston, SC
When The World Shifts, God Stands
Psalm 62:5-8

MICHAEL JOHNSON
Northside Church of Christ | Goodlettsville, TN
Endurance with Expectation
2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 16-18

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DINNER BREAK

4:30 – 6:30 PM

EVENING GENERAL SESSION

6:45 – 9:00 PM

McIntosh Ballroom
Inspiration Hall Building

WELCOME | PURPOSE

LAWRENCE GILMORE
Church of Christ | Okeechobee, FL
Peace in the Middle of Chaos
Philippians 4:6-7

JEFFREY POINTER
Southern Hills Church of Christ | Charlotte, NC
The Lord is My Refuge
Psalm 91:1-4

DONBURNELL HOLLY
Norris Road Church of Christ | Memphis, TN
SouthEastside Church of Christ | Memphis, TN
Resting In The Rock
Psalm 62:1-2

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION

2026 SERL ITINERARY

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6

MORNING GENERAL SESSION

McIntosh Ballroom
Inspiration Hall Building

8:45 – 9:00 AM DEVOTION

9:00 – 10:15 AM

ALBERT SCURRY
I-85 Church of Christ | Greenville, SC
Holding on When Life Hurts
Romans 5:3-5

AL JACKSON
Northside Church of Christ | Jacksonville, FL
Hope That Never Ages
Isaiah 46:3-4

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MORNING WORKSHOPS

Second Floor
Inspiration Hall Building

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

ROOM - 220

JOHN MARSHALL
Graceview Church of Christ | Anderson, SC
Pauline Theology on Hope: The Church at Rome – Believe Through Hope
Romans 4:18-21

ROOM - 220

AVERY FINCH
Schrader Lane Church of Christ | Nashville, TN
Pauline Theology on Hope: The Church at Rome – Rejoice in Hope
Romans 12:10-16

ROOM - 223

QUINCY BYRDSONG
Simpson Street Church of Christ | Atlanta, GA
Pauline Theology on Hope: The Church at Corinth – Increasing in Hope
2 Corinthians 10:12-18

ROOM - 223

DARRON FANTROY
Second Street Church of Christ | Andalusia, AL
Pauline Theology on Hope and the Good News: The Church at Corinth
2 Corinthians 3:7-12

2026 SERL ITINERARY

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6

MORNING WORKSHOPS CONTINUED

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Second Floor
Inspiration Hall Building

ROOM - 225

ANTWAN BROWN
Chapel Hill Church of Christ | Macon, GA
The Theology of Isaiah: The Prophet of Hope and Deliverance – Hope That Strengthens
Isaiah 40:28-31

ROOM - 225

CHRIS JACKSON
Jackson Street Church of Christ | Nashville, TN
The Theology of Isaiah: The Prophet of Hope and Deliverance – Hope that Protects
Isaiah 54:14-17

ROOM - 222

CHARLIE E. MCCLENDON
Northside Church of Christ | Jacksonville, FL
Baptizing: Keeping and Maturing New Members
Matthew 28:18-20

LUNCH BREAK
12:30 – 2:00 PM

AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION

2:00 – 2:15 PM DEVOTION

McIntosh Ballroom
Inspiration Hall Building

2:15 – 4:30 PM

JAMES SCURLARK
US 19 Church of Christ | Albany, GA
Reflection of the Redeemed
1 Peter 2:9-10

JOE N. TUCKER
5th Avenue Church of Christ | St. Petersburg, FL
You Are Not Forgotten
Isaiah 49:15-16

TERRY D. WALLACE, SR.
West Oak Grove Church of Christ | Hernando, MS
Chosen and Secure: I Am Who God Says I Am
Ephesians 1:3-7

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION

DINNER BREAK
4:30 – 6:30 PM

2026 SERL ITINERARY

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6

EVENING GENERAL SESSION

6:45 – 7:00 PM DEVOTION

McIntosh Ballroom
Inspiration Hall Building

7:00 – 9:00 PM

HAROLD GILMORE
Moulton Heights Church of Christ | Decatur, AL
Trusting the Unchanging God
Malachi 3:6

WILLIAM STEPHENS
Southside Church of Christ | Durham, NC
Hope That Does Not Disappoint
Romans 5:1-5

WESLEY T. LEONARD
Southside Church of Christ | Orlando, FL
Faith That Won't Let Go
Romans 4:18-21

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2026 SERL ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7

MORNING GENERAL SESSION

8:45 – 9:00 AM DEVOTION

McIntosh Ballroom
Inspiration Hall Building

9:00 – 10:15 AM

TONY HERRING
Shumate Street Church of Christ | Quitman, GA
When You Can't See the Way: Trust the Anchor
Proverbs 3:5-6

FLOYD RODGERS
Blue Springs Road Church of Christ | Huntsville, AL
The Anchor of Joy
John 16:33

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MORNING WORKSHOPS

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Second Floor
Inspiration Hall Building

ROOM - 220

DARWIN MASON, JR.
Hillsboro Church of Christ | Nashville, TN
Jesus Teaches Hope: The Sermon of the Mount – Let Tomorrow Take Care of Tomorrow
Matthew 6:25-34

ROOM - 220

JEFFERSON CARUTHERS
Carver Road Church of Christ | Winston-Salem, NC
Jesus Teaches Hope: The Sermon of The Mount – God Has Got Us
Matthew 7:7-12

ROOM - 223

BRIAN WILLIAMS
Simpson Street Church of Christ | Atlanta, GA
Jesus is Hope: Discipling Through Hope – Motivation by Expectation
Hebrews 12:2-4

ROOM - 223

ANDRE' R. NORWOOD
Woodlawn Forrest Church of Christ | Valdosta, GA
Jesus is Hope: Discipling Through Hope – We Haven't Finished Yet
Philippians 1:5-11

2026 SERL ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7

MORNING WORKSHOPS CONTINUED

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Second Floor
Inspiration Hall Building

ROOM - 225

BENNIE WILKERSON
Simpson Street Church of Christ | Atlanta, GA
The Theology of Jeremiah: The Prophet of Hope and Restoration – There is Nothing to Fear but Fear Itself
Jeremiah 17:5-8

ROOM - 225

TONY PHILLIPS
Camp Creek Church of Christ | Atlanta, GA
The Theology of Jeremiah: The Prophet of Hope and Restoration – The Future Looks Bright
Jeremiah 29:8-12

ROOM - 222

CHARLIE E. MCCLENDON
Northside Church of Christ | Jacksonville, FL
Baptizing: Keeping and Maturing New Members
Matthew 28:18-20

LUNCH BREAK — 12:30 – 2:00 PM

AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION

2:00 – 2:15 PM DEVOTION

McIntosh Ballroom
Inspiration Hall Building

2:15 – 4:30 PM

LOVELL HAYES
East Jackson Church of Christ | Jackson, TN
Hope Builds After, "Heart Broken"
Nehemiah 2:17-20

COREY GLOVER
Hallandale Beach Church of Christ | Hallandale Beach, FL
Anchored in Service
1 Peter 4:10-11

RICHARD PRICE
Schrader Lane Church of Christ | Nashville, TN
Be the Anchor for Someone Else
Galatians 6:1-5

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION

DINNER BREAK — 4:30 – 6:30 PM

2026 SERL ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7

EVENING GENERAL SESSION

6:45 – 7:00 PM DEVOTION

McIntosh Ballroom
Inspiration Hall Building

7:00 – 9:00 PM

JONATHAN GIVENS
Southside Church of Christ | Montgomery, AL
Solid Rock Faith
Matthew 7:24-27

ORLANDER THOMAS
Southside Church of Christ | Durham, NC
Unmoved by the Waves of the World
Colossians 2:6-7

LEROY BUTLER, JR.
Woodlawn Forrest Church of Christ | Valdosta, GA
Hope Unshaken – Anchoring Your Soul in a Shifting World
Hebrews 6:19

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION

2026 SERL ITINERARY

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

MORNING GENERAL SESSION

9:45 AM – 10:00 PM DEVOTION

Second Floor
Inspiration Hall Building

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ROOM 223

WILLIAM "JOE" GODFREY
Church of Christ at Gaines Avenue | Albany, GA
Hope That Never Fades
1 Peter 1:3-5

ADRIAN HARPER
Anchored in Eternity
Revelation 21:1-5

FRANKLIN FLORENCE
Hope Beyond the Grave
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION

LUNCH BREAK | OPEN TIME 12:00 – 6:30 PM





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Ladies' Program



GUEST SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

DEBB HOUSTON

Deborah “Debb” Houston is a devoted Christian, wife, and mother! She is also a certified foodie. Deb is all about faith-family-fellowship. Born and raised in the Ghetto of Philadelphia, PA, Deb travels across the world encouraging women to embrace the totality of who they were created and destined to become, with the understanding that they were “Created By GOD ~ For GOD!”

Debb believes in her purpose of “Revolutionizing The Inner Woman To Move Beyond The Pain Of Her Past In Order To Embrace Her Power & Purpose!” Through her ministry, speaking, writing, coaching, and personal testimony, she encourages women to confront the pain of their past, discover their God-given identity, and walk boldly in their power and purpose.

Debb has been involved in the fashion industry for many years, modeling on a national level in various magazines, newspaper print, television commercials, runway shows, and New York Fashion Week. She has also served as a modeling instructor, using her experience and expertise to encourage and equip others.

An accomplished author, Deb has written numerous books, including *Father Knows Best, Celebrate U: The Phenomenality of U, Style On The INSIDE,* and the *LIVE LIFE Mastermind Series* of devotional workbooks.

She speaks for various ladies’ programs, lectureships, and retreats both nationally and internationally. Alongside her husband, Dr. Jerry Houston, Deb has conducted marriage workshops and youth seminars, sharing practical wisdom and encouragement with individuals, couples, families, and communities.

Debb is also the host of the podcast “A Dose Of Deb” and is a certified life coach with a specialty in working with ministers’ wives. She is passionate about helping women recognize their worth, embrace their God-given purpose, and become all that they were created to be.

Debb believes that when we strive to empower one another, we become a collective force capable of making a positive impact on our world and affecting generations to follow.

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Tuesday, October 6, 2026 | 11 AM



Guest Speaker

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Hebrews 4:16



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Tuesday, October 6, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 AM

(PROGRAM STARTS AT 11:30 AM)

Emcee - Carolyn Medlock (Gaines Avenue COC Albany, GA)

Welcome	Dorothy Rouse Jenkins (Renaissance COC- Atlanta, GA)
Song Selection	Portia Yarbrough (Simpson Street COC- Atlanta, GA)
Scripture Reading/Prayer	Glenda Allen (Eastside COC- Tallahassee, FL)
Lunch Served	All Ladies'
Introduction of Speaker	Gloria Watkins (Simpson Street COC- Atlanta, GA
Keynote Speaker	Debb Houston (Newark COC- Newark, NJ)
Song Selection	Portia Yarbrough (Simpson Street COC- Atlanta, GA)
Remarks/Presentations:	Anisha Jackson (Northside COC- Jacksonville, FL)
Door Prizes	Hope Gilmore (Moulton Heights COC- Decatur, AL) Carolyn Neal (Simpson Street COC- Atlanta, GA)
Announcements/Benediction	Tarshu Herring (Shumate COC- Quitman, GA)



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GUEST SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

MRS. URENNA N. CRAWFORD

Mrs. Urenna N. Crawford is a dedicated educator, author, and certified life coach whose career spans three decades of inspiring, empowering, and enriching young minds. After 31 years in education, Mrs. Crawford retired with a legacy of profound impact that extends across New York State, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, North Carolina, DeKalb County, Georgia, and Wake County, North Carolina, as well as internationally to Bahia, Brazil; Costa Rica; and Ghana, West Africa.

A natural multi-potentialite, Mrs. Crawford has embraced a diverse range of professional and entrepreneurial endeavors. In addition to her distinguished career in education, she embarked on a successfull 15-year career with IBM, where she served as a customer service manager. Her entrepreneurial spirit has also led her to become the owner of both a boutique and a printing company. As a John Maxwell-certified life coach, she is passionate about empowering others to recognize, embrace, and maximize their unique gifts and potential. Her guiding philosophy is simple yet powerful: “Everyone has something unique to offer.”

Mrs. Crawford is the author of two inspiring books, *Legacy: The Things Mommy Said to Me, I Say to You Again* and *I Was Born to Win.* Through her writing, coaching, professional experiences, and personal testimony, she continues to encourage others to walk boldly in their purpose and understand the value of the legacy they are creating.

Deeply committed to her faith and community, Mrs. Crawford serves as co-chair of the Prayer Warriors at Stonecrest Church of Christ, under the leadership of Minister Dr. Richard Barclay. Her faith remains an integral part of who she is and the way she serves, leads, and encourages others.

Mrs. Crawford shares a vibrant life with her husband, Dr. Raymon E. Crawford, Sr. Together, they are the proud parents of a blended family of nine children. Her life and work reflect a heart committed to education, faith, family, service, entrepreneurship, and the empowerment of others.

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LADIES' PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 9AM

Guest Speaker

URENNA CRAWFORD



"When the Winds Change"

Trusting God in Seasons of Transitions

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

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LADIES' PROGRAM ITINERARY

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Emcee- Tonya Wilkerson (Simpson Street COC Atlanta, GA)

Opening Remarks	Tonya Wilkerson (MC) — SSCOC, Atlanta, GA
Song Leader	Portia Yarbrough- Simpson Street COC, Atlanta, GA
Scripture Reading	Patrice Franklin- Sunset Blvd COC, Columbia, SC
Prayer	Claudine Wright - Camp Creek COC, Atlanta, GA
Icebreaker	Maritza Glover- Hallandale Beach COC,
Introduction of Speaker	Shana Carter- Simpson Street COC, Atlanta, GA
Song Leader	Portia Yarbrough- Simpson Street COC, Atlanta, GA
Speaker	Urenna Crawford - Stonecrest COC, McDonough, GA
Song Leader	Portia Yarbrough- Simpson Street COC, Atlanta, GA
Remarks/Presentations	Patricia Hayes - East Jackson COC, Jackson, TN
Door Prizes	Ruthy Williams - Simpson Street COC, Atlanta, GA
Announcements	Cheryl Iszard - Simpson Street COC, Atlanta, GA
Song Leader	Portia Yarbrough - Simpson Street COC, Atlanta, GA
Benediction	Katrina Deas — Azalea Dr COC, Charleston, SC



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WELCOME – Marcus T. Watkins, Atlanta, GA

MUSICAL SELECTIONS – Brandon Carter, Atlanta, GA

REMARKS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS – Leroy Butler Jr., Chairman, Valdosta, GA

BLESSINGS FOR DINNER – Bennie Wilkerson, Atlanta, GA

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER – Marcus T. Watkins, Atlanta, GA

BANQUET SPEAKER – Dr. Nicholas A. Glenn, Greensboro, NC

"ANCHORED, BUT NOT STANDING STILL" – Philippians 3:12-14

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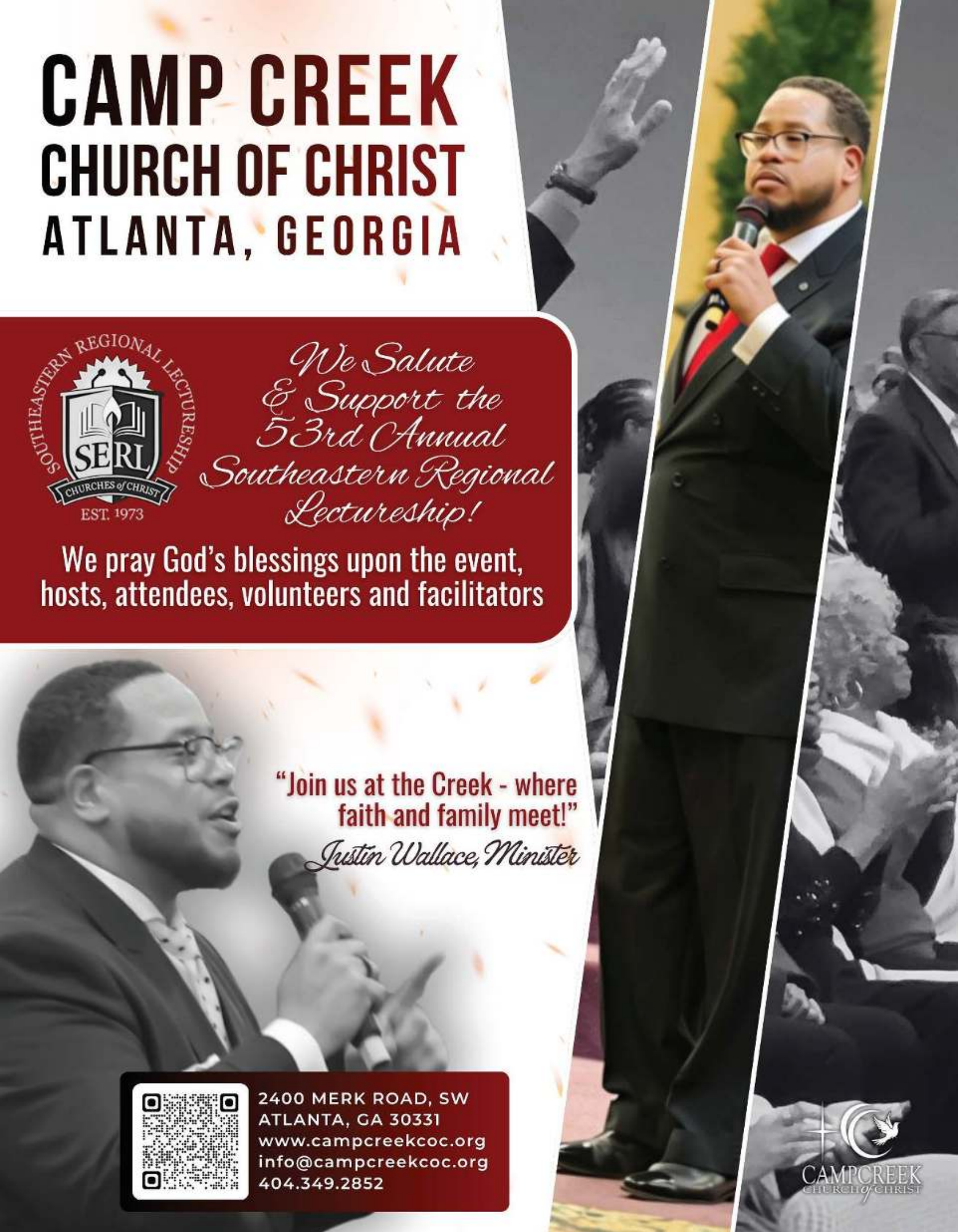
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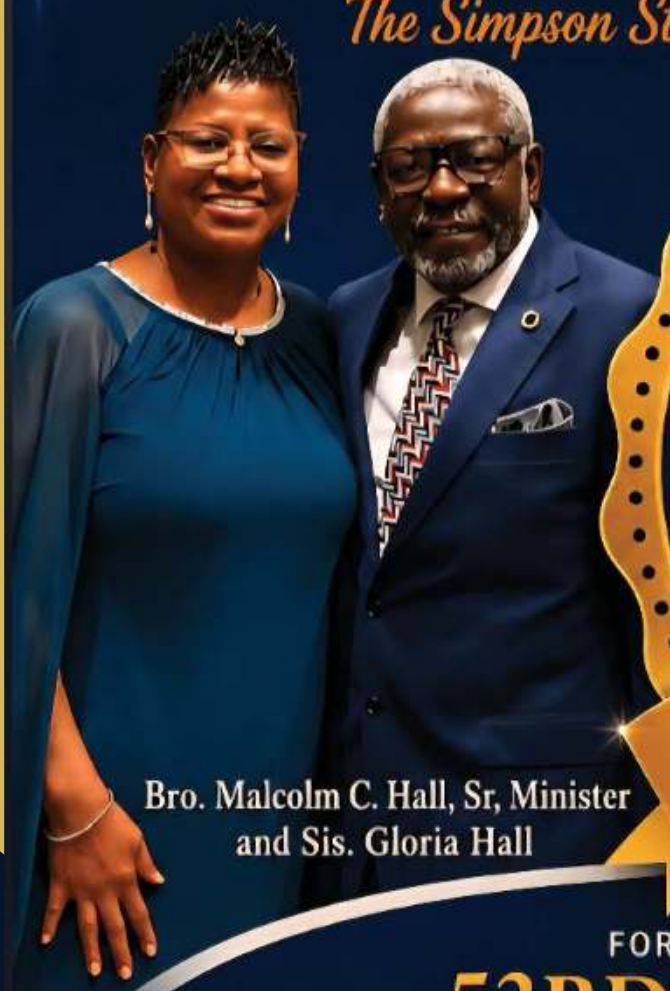
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Acts 20:28

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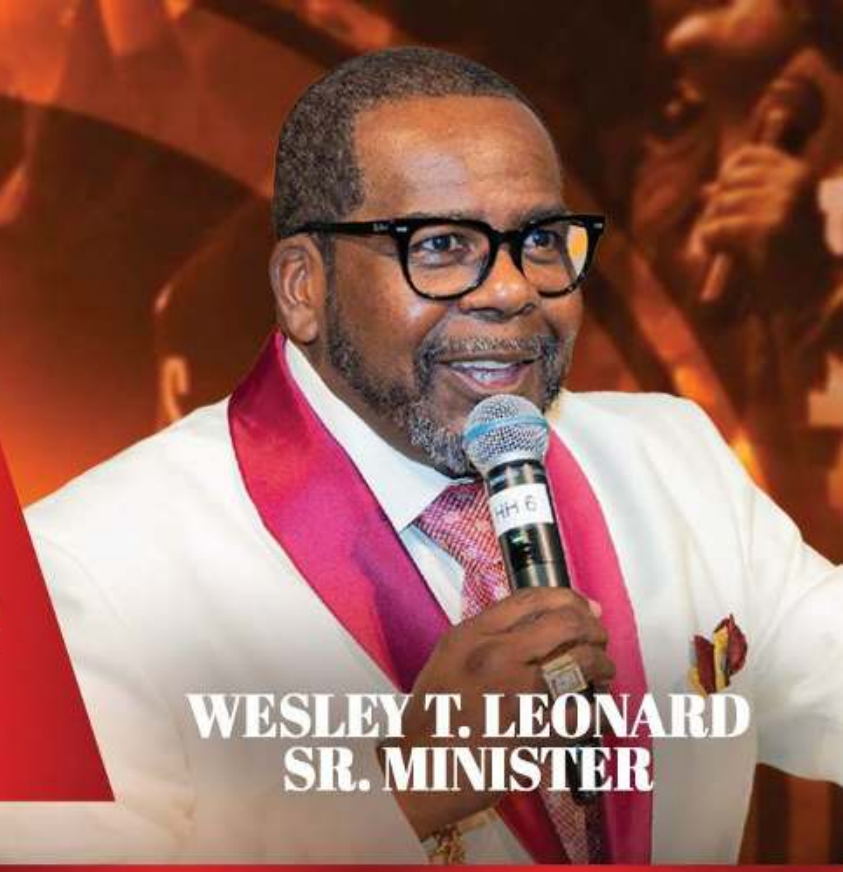
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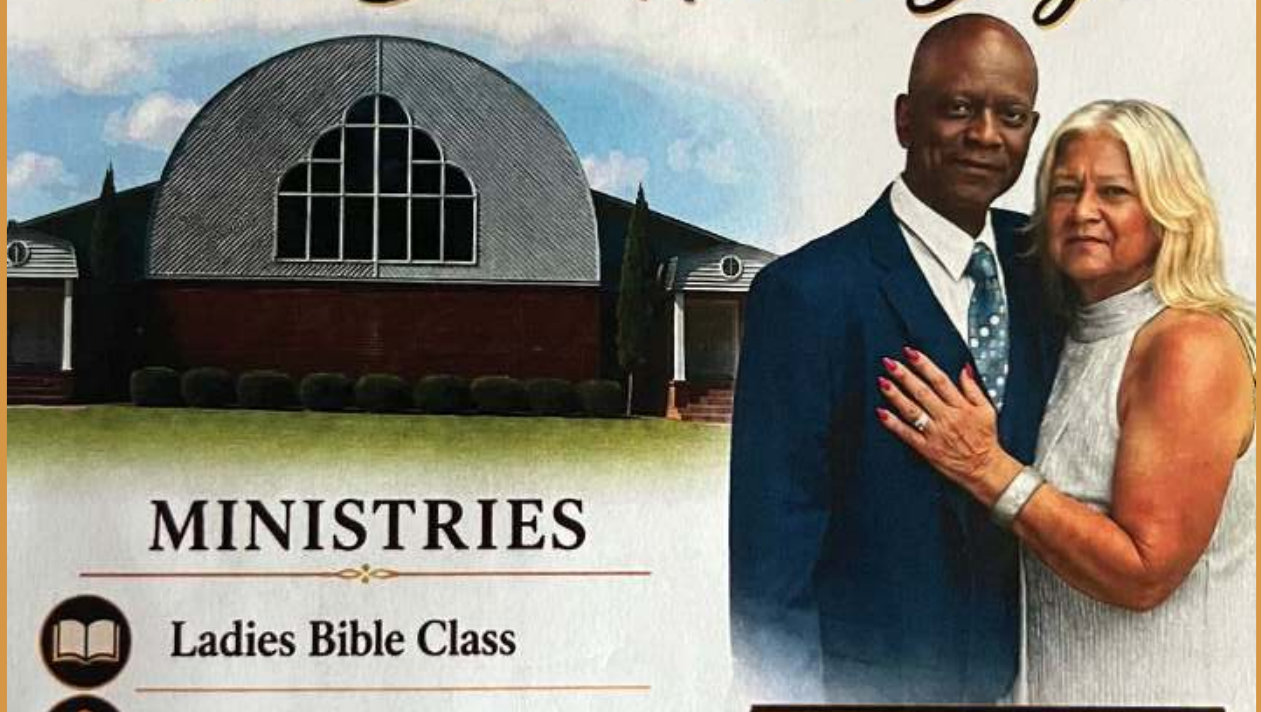
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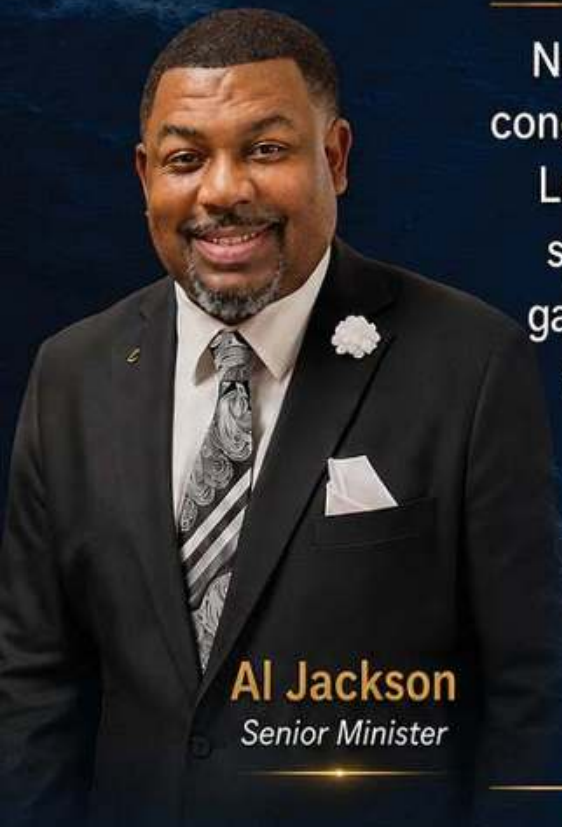
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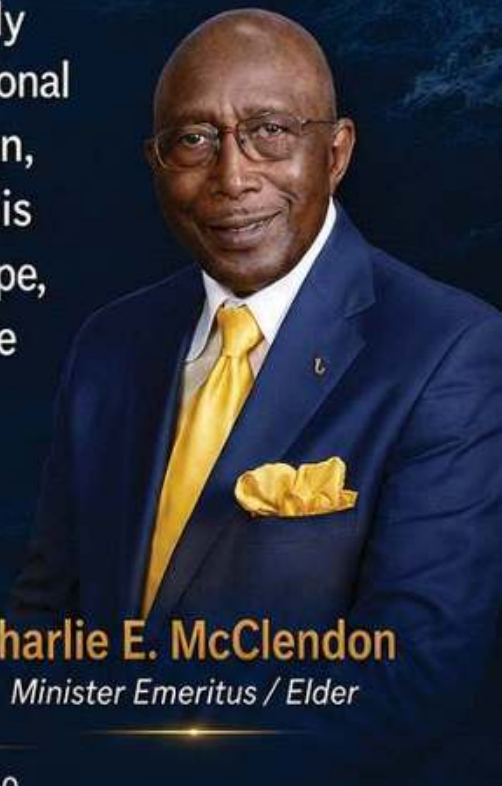
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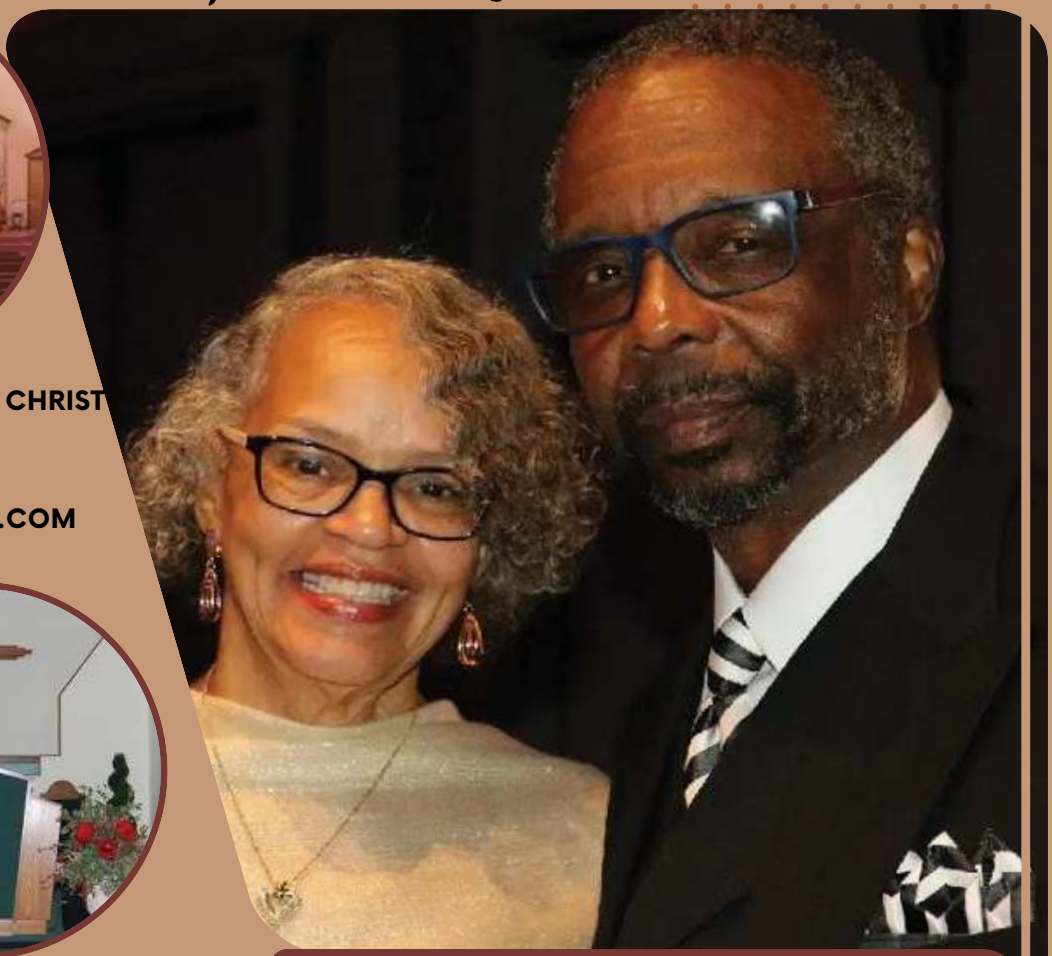
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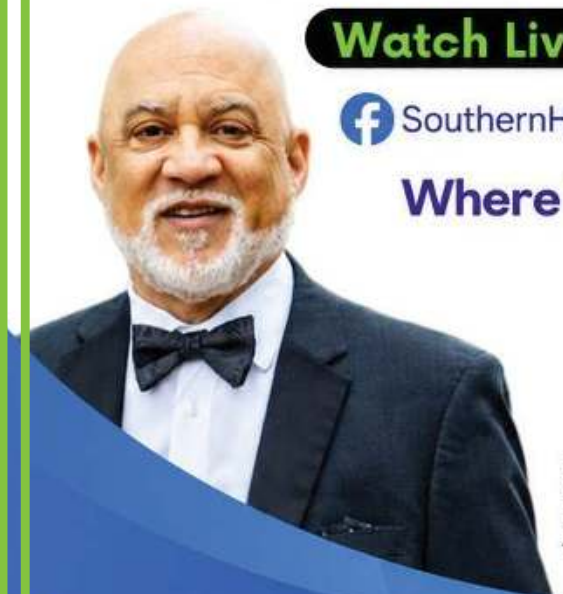
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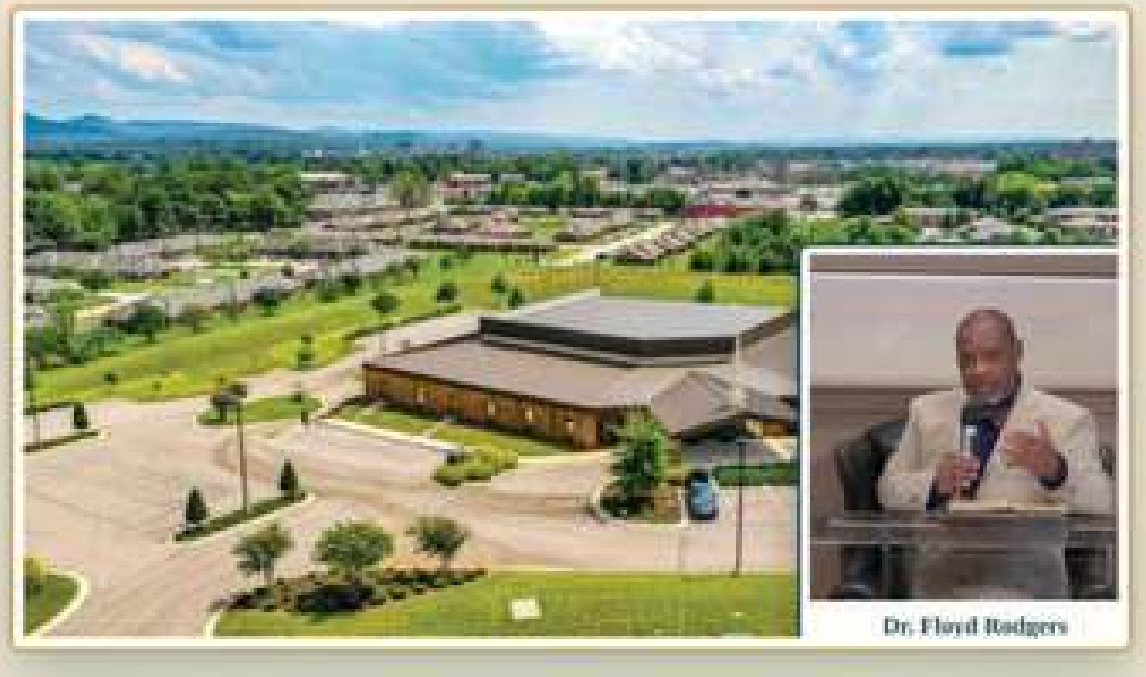
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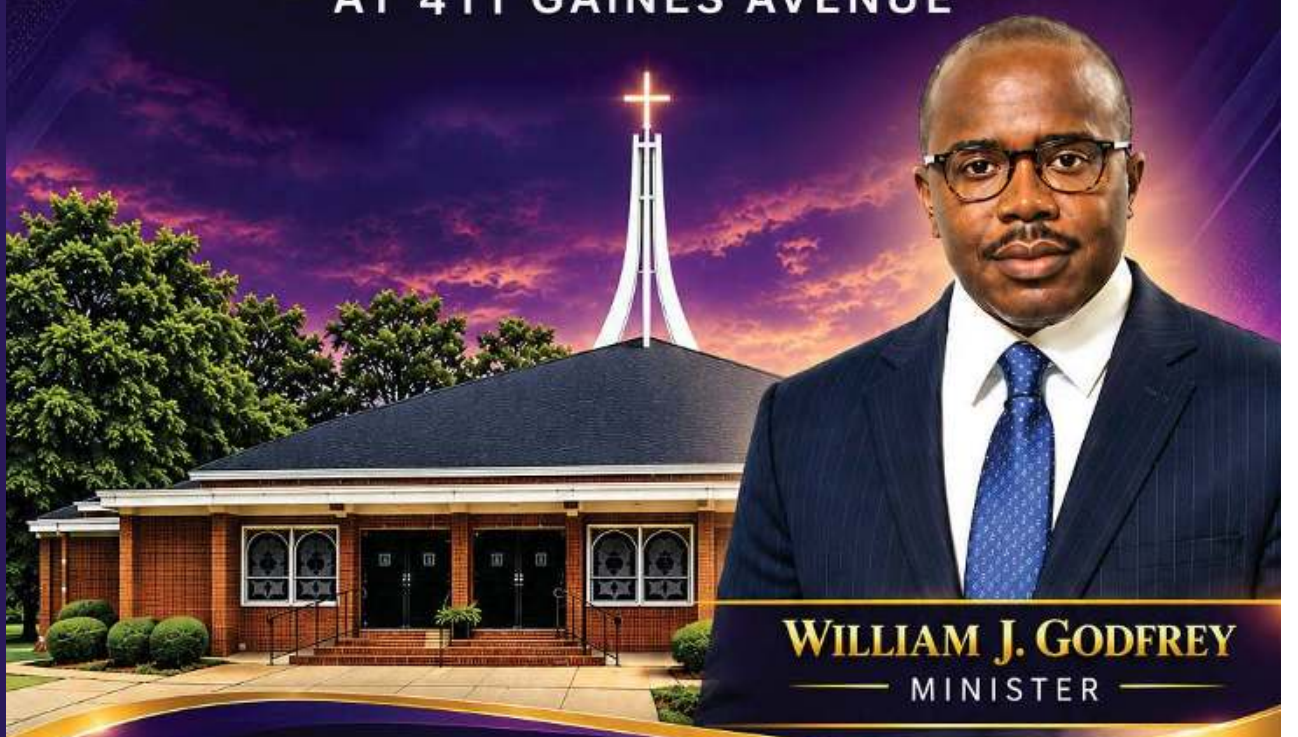
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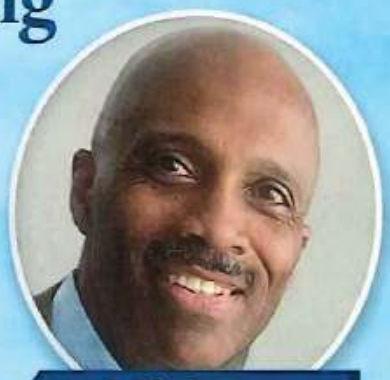
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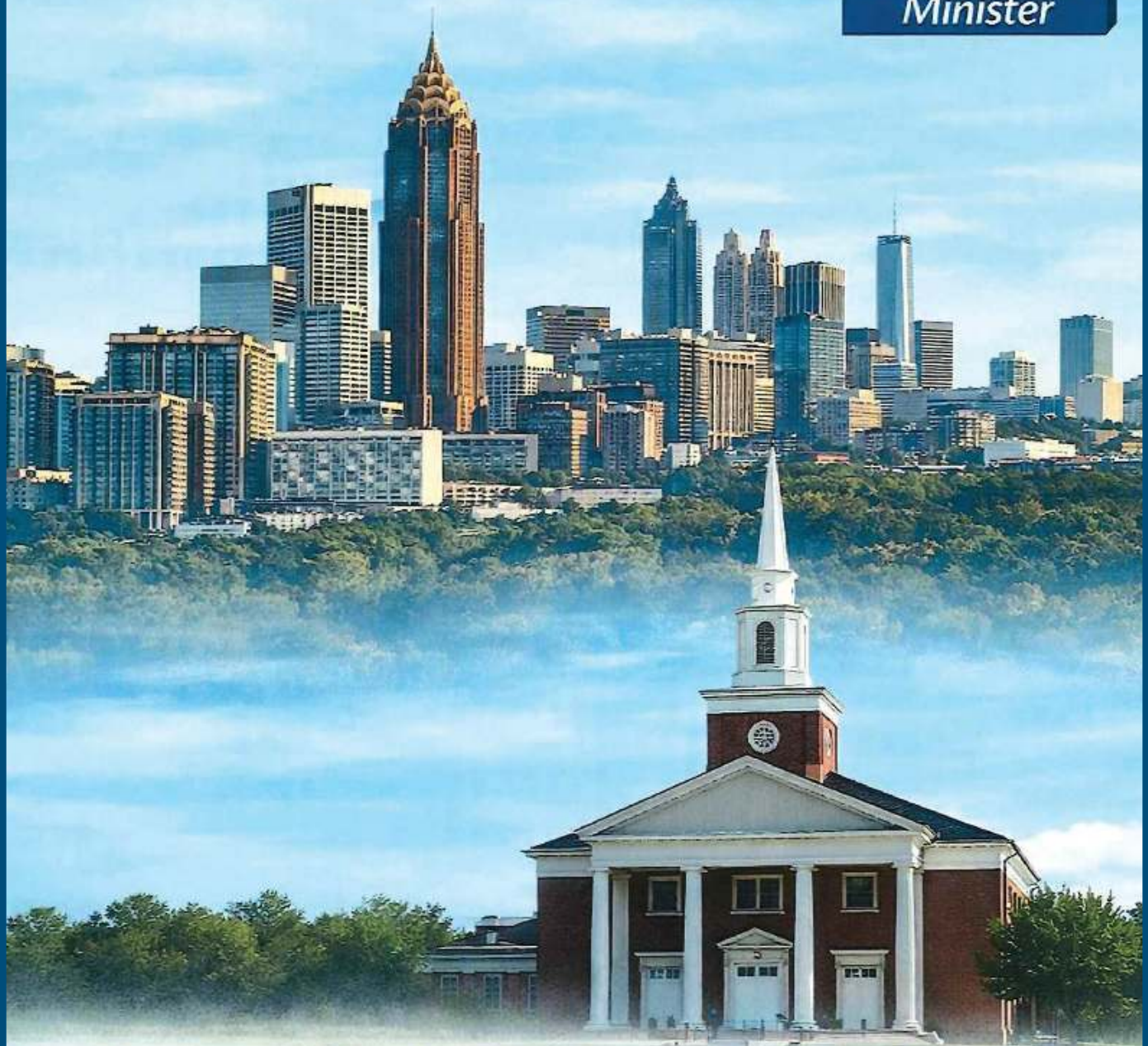
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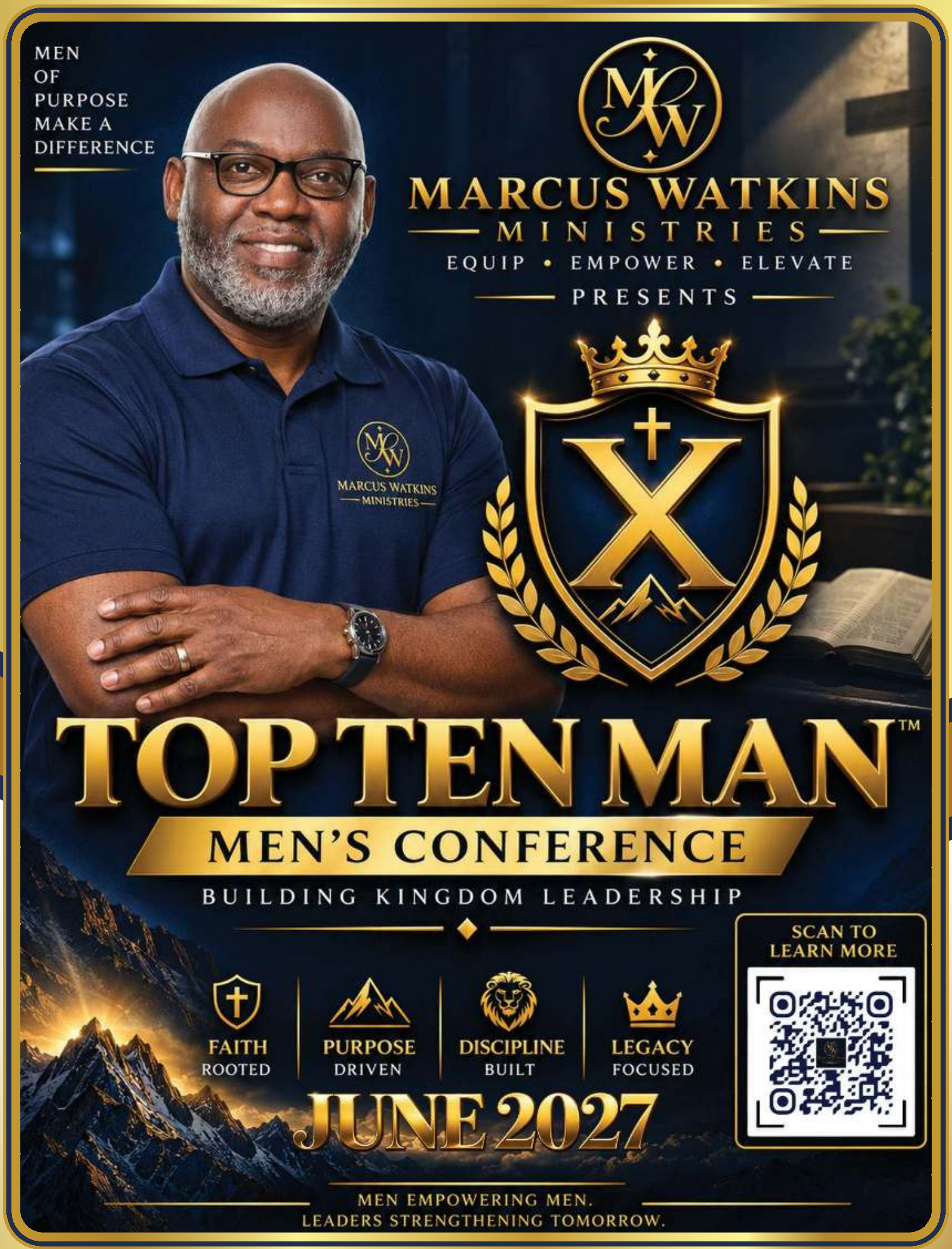
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