

# 2024 NATIONAL TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

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**ANSWER**

**"Always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." -1 Peter 3:15**

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**Be Ready to Give An Answer**



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Your **EVALUATIONS** of the **2024 NTW** are vital to our success as we strive for excellence. Please take the last 5 minutes of each workshop or session to complete and submit your evaluation for that session.

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# THE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## THURSDAY—APRIL 18, 2024

- 4:00 PM REGISTRATION & VENDORS MARKET OPEN
- 5:30 PM NTW WELCOME RECEPTION – SOUTH BALLROOM
- 6:30 PM NTW 2024 OPENING PROGRAM – CENTER/NORTH BALLROOM  
Master of Ceremony — Jefferson Caruthers  
Opening Prayer — Mark Carter  
Devotion Leader — Chris Jones  
Recognition of the NTW Board — Leonardo D. Gilbert  
*The church is constantly dealing with challenges and change. We must create strategies of success for such a time as this.*  
Be Ready to Give An Answer...
  - Educationally — The Educating of Souls ..... Artrell Harris
  - Evangelistically — The Saving of Souls ..... Bryan C. Jones
  - Generationally — Reaching a Younger Generation ..... Justin M. CarterKeynote: Being Ready to Give the Right Answer ..... James M. Crusoe  
Announcements & Benediction

## FRIDAY—APRIL 19, 2024

- 7:30 AM REGISTRATION & VENDORS MARKET OPEN
- 8:30 AM OPENING PROGRAM/DEVOTION  
Master of Ceremony — Justin M. Carter  
Devotion Leader — Chris Jones  
Motivational Speaker — Chuncey Thompson
- 9:00 – 10:15 AM WORKSHOPS & NEW TEACHER BOOT CAMP—SESSION 1
- 10:30—11:45 AM WORKSHOPS & NEW TEACHER BOOT CAMP—SESSION 2
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM LUNCH *(A ticket for a Buffet Lunch is included with each paid NTW Registration)*
- 1:15–2:30 P.M. WORKSHOPS & NEW TEACHER BOOT CAMP—SESSION 3
- 2:45 – 4:00 P.M. WORKSHOPS & NEW TEACHER BOOT CAMP – SESSION 4
- 4:00 – 6:30 P.M. BREAK  
*REST, EAT, NETWORK AND TAKE TIME TO VISIT THE VENDORS*
- 6:30– 9:30 P.M. EVENING SESSION  
Master of Ceremony — Justin M. Carter  
Devotion Leader — Steven Thompson II  
Honoring Teachers — William Jones & Leonardo Gilbert  
Keynote: Civil Rights, Black Culture, and the Church .....Dr. Molefi Asante  
Announcements & Benediction



# DR. MOLEFI ASANTE

**FRIDAY-APRIL 19, 2024**  
**6:30 PM**  
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

The role of the Black church has indeed been historically significant, serving as a pillar of support, resilience, and activism within African American communities. Over the years, several factors have influenced shifts in its influence and significance. How can Christian Educators address Civil Rights, Black Culture today?



**Friday Keynote**

**Molefi Kete Asante** is the President of the Molefi Kete Asante Institute for Afrocentric Studies. Asante is Professor Extraordinarius at the University of South Africa. He is the Founding Editor, Journal of Black Studies and first director of UCLA's Center for Afro-American Studies. Asante, often called the most prolific African American scholar, has published more than 100 books, among the most recent are Africa's Gifts of the Spirit; Being Human Being: Transforming the Race Discourse (with Nah Dove); The Perilous Center, or When Will the African Center Hold; Radical Insurgencies; The History of Africa, 4th Edition; African Pyramids of Knowledge; and, the memoir, As I Run Toward Africa. Asante has published more than 500 articles and is considered one of the most quoted living African authors as well as one of the most distinguished thinkers in the African world. He has been recognized as one of the 10 most widely cited African scholars. Asante has been recognized as one of the most influential leaders in education. He has been named a HistoryMaker with an interview in the US Library of Congress. He attended NCI, Southwestern Christian, Oklahoma Christian, Pepperdine, and UCLA.

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**SATURDAY—APRIL 20, 2024**

- 7:30 AM VENDORS MARKET OPEN
- 8:00 AM OPENING PROGRAM/DEVOTION  
Master of Ceremony — Justin M. Carter  
Devotion Leader — Steven Thompson II  
Motivational Speaker — Brooks Griffin
- 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM WORKSHOPS & NEW TEACHER BOOT CAMP—SESSION 5
- 10:30 – 11:45 AM WORKSHOPS & NEW TEACHER BOOT CAMP GRADUATION – SESSION 6
- 12:00 – 12:45 PM CLOSING SESSION

**Save the Dates**  
**NTW 2025**  
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Save the Dates

# PRESENTERS & OUTLINES



**Any outline(s) not shared in this book will be made available during the workshop.**





## ATWATER, Terry

### NTB I —You're in the Army Now



**Terry V. Atwater, Minister Emeritus**  
North Shore Church of Christ  
326 Julian Street Waukegan, Illinois 60085

**Terry V. Atwater** of Wadsworth, Illinois, originated from Evansville, Indiana . In 1975, he began as the minister of North Shore Church of Christ with a membership of approximately 20 adults and children when they church moved from the YMCA in Waukegan, Illinois to 1001 Tenth Street in North Chicago, Illinois. After continual growth and outreach successes with the Youth Ministry and Community Services, Substance Abuse Programs the church relocated at 326 Julian Street. Bro. Atwater has baptized over 725 members to North Shore Church of Christ. Some of the men are Elders, Deacons, Preachers, and Ministers of the Gospel with supporting families.

Brother Terry V. Atwater was educated in Evansville, Indiana at the University of Evansville with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and a Masters in Business Administration. He was also a member of a perfect season while a member of the basketball team winning the NCAA Tournament. He is the owner and President of Midwestern Engineering and Technical Services. He has served on the Board of Directors of United Way of Lake County; Kenosha Achievement Center in Kenosha, Wisconsin and a member of USE Board for Small Business for the State of Wisconsin.

Bro. Atwater and his wife have been recognized by the community. Harambee Award from the College of Lake County in Lake Co., Illinois. Recognized with the Drum Beater's Award of Waukegan Township of Waukegan, Illinois. In 2010, they were recognized by the Peoples Voice Lake County Most Influential African American in Lake County with the Visionary Award. In 2015, they were recognized with the Most Influential African American in Lake County. 2017, they were recognized with the Most Influential African American with the Community Service Award.

Terry is married to Sandra J. Atwater. Bro. Atwater is the only son of the late, E. W. Atwater who was an Elder of the Church for many years and his mother, Thelma, who resided in Indianapolis, Indiana. He has three sisters. His son is an Elder of the Church and two of his sisters' husbands are Elders of the Church.

His motto is "Serve People and Save Souls."



*The Workshop Outlines/Handouts will be distributed during the courses.*



## NTBI: You're in the Army Now

### INTRODUCTION

#### The Christian Teacher Has Four Function Characteristics

#### I. HEART – Belief System I \_\_\_\_\_

- Why you do
- Romans 10:10
- Motivation

#### II. HEAD – Vision System C \_\_\_\_\_

- How do you
- Romans 12:1-2
- Information

#### III. HANDS – Help and Healing System P \_\_\_\_\_

- What you do
- Matthew 20:27-28
- Implementation

#### IV. HABITS – Practice and Tracking System P \_\_\_\_\_

- Review and replenish what you do
- I Peter 1:8-9
- Adaptation
- Being habit (Internal)
- Doing Habit (External)
- Culmination







## MAY, Adina

### NTB 3 — What To Do In The Trenches Now That You're A Teacher



Adina is a native of Chicago, IL and is the middle child of three born to Kerry & Donna May. She was baptized into Christ on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1998 and began her work as a servant at the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ known as “The Heights”.

As a youth Adina became very involved in the Youth Development Ministry at her church, serving as chairperson for the youth group called V.O.I.C.E.S, where she helped plan and improve events for her peers. In addition to serving as chairperson she became a maturing bible student mostly due to Sister Joyce Nash who diligently trained and conditioned her and her teammates on the Bible Bowl team, which won many championships in the citywide competitions.

After graduating from the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences with honors, Adina attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and became very involved with the local congregation, Dublin Street Church of Christ. Her involvement included singing in the choir, providing assistance teaching the beginners bible class, and working with the youth group both at the church and chaperoning them at youth conferences. She was very much loved and cared for by all the members and youth, especially Bro. Robert & Sister Janie Smith during her time away in college. Adina graduated with her Bachelor's of Science degree in Community Health in 2006.

After college she returned to Chicago, and began volunteering as a youth worker and mentor through the Youth Development Ministry and became a Beginners Bible Class teacher in December of 2006. In August of 2007, Adina traveled to Kingston, Jamaica as a volunteer with the Jamaica Medical Mission known as the International/American Medical Mission (IAMM) as well as in July of 2016. This was a very moving and humbling experience that motivated her to serve and help others even more.

Adina currently gives her time and talents at “The Heights” with the International/American Medical Mission (IAMM), Youth Development Ministry, Young Adults, Communion, Assimilation & Retention Ministry {ARM}, Choir, Caring & Sharing Ministry and as a Primary Bible Class Teacher. She also serves on the Advisory Board for The Family Affair Initiative, Inc. since its inception in 2009.

Adina has worked for the Chicago Public Schools for over fourteen years. During this time she also attended graduate school at Concordia University Chicago and received her Master of Arts degree in School Counseling in 2014.

She currently works as a School Counselor at Percy L. Julian High School on the far south side of Chicago as well as a former College Counselor at the Chicago Scholars Foundation. Her purpose and goal in life is to help and serve others as Christ has, and to strive to be the Christian Woman God would have her to be.





**MAY, Donna**

### **NTB4 — Other Maneuvers & Resources**



**DONNA J. MAY** has been a member of the Church of Christ since 1981 and is presently a member of Sheldon Heights Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois. This is the twentieth year she has presented at the National Teachers' Workshop. Five of those times she has been a co-presenter with Lelia Davis and has also presented with her daughter, Adina May.

Donna is married to Kerry May, and they have been married for 43 years. They have 3 children: Minita, Adina and Garrett. All of them are faithful members of the Church of Christ and have been brought up in the church since birth. Also, they have 2 grandchildren, Garrett Jr. and Olivia.

During her Christian walk Donna has served on numerous committees and ministries at the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ. While serving as the Cluster Leader for the Young Teen Bible class, she teaches and/or volunteers her time at the annual Vacation Bible School. Donna is a youth worker in charge of parent communications on the Youth Development Ministry and is a member of the Marriage Ministry. In addition to volunteering her time in those areas, she sings in the alto section of the Sheldon Heights Accapella Chorus and serves on the Hostess, Greeter, and Ladies Retreat Committees.

Donna is a retired 36 year teacher of the Chicago Public Schools.. She has taught grades kindergarten through twelve during her teaching career. Nine of those years she held the position of floor director or lead teacher at the Walt Disney Magnet School. This position required her to facilitate conflict resolutions, student discipline, parent concerns, community outreach and the curriculum and instruction of students that are gifted, regular, emotionally and behaviorally disturbed on a daily basis. In the community serves on the Family Affair, Llc Board of Directors and is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Her constant prayer is that she sets a Christian example for others so that they may see Jesus through her.

Two mottos which have inspired her as a teacher are: "PEOPLE LEARN FROM WHAT THEY SEE AND DO." "GOD NEVER MEANT FOR HIS WORD TO BE BORING!" Sometimes the "distractions" of the world may seem more desirable, but they're NOT! The Psalmist says, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103). Therefore, she feels that we should set examples for our students and the world through actions, word and deed with kindness and joy!

#### **Favorite Scripture**

***Psalm 23:1, "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want."***

#### **Favorite Songs of Inspiration**

***"God is Real", "Pass Me Not", "Goodness of God", and "Because He Lives"***





**New Teacher Boot Camp Workshop IV**  
**Other Maneuvers and Resources for Being On the Teaching Frontline**  
**Sheldon Heights Church of Christ**  
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**Description:** *The teaching strategies presented will address the theory and practice of being An effective Bible teacher.*

## **II. OTHER MANEUVERS AND RESOURCES FOR BEING ON THE TEACHING FRONTLINE**

**A. Lesson should include a variety of teaching methods,**

**B. Incorporate the seven laws of learning**

1. Know thoroughly and be familiar with the lesson to be taught.
2. Gain and keep the attention and interest of students.
3. Use words which both teacher and student understands.
4. Begin with the known and proceed to teach new information.
5. Stimulate the students' minds to action.
6. Require students to reproduce lessons in thoughts and actions.
7. Review, review, and review

**C. Begin the lesson period with engaging pre-session activities.**

1. **Always start your lesson with a prayer and** with activities to **hook** learners' attention and set the stage for the lesson.
2. Focus on the Bible lesson and get into the **book**.
3. Guide the learners to **look** at how the lessons can be applied and related To people, events and circumstances today.
4. Close the lesson activities, the **took** phase, with inspirational words that Express what has been learned and what will be done with that information.

## **III. LESSON, STUDENT AND TEACHER EVALUATION**

- A. Evaluate students through oral and written tests, observations and records.
- B. Teachers should evaluate themselves on continual basis to determine the Effectiveness of their lessons' preparation and presentation.
- C. The Evaluation of the lesson should be measured by the effectiveness of visual aids, student participation through responses, and application process.





# PRESENTERS & OUTLINES

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## BACCHUS, James Q.

### AD4: Strategic Planning for the Educational Ministry



**James Q Bacchus, I**, is an accomplished individual with the grace of God, a rich history of community involvement, and professional contributions. James serves as an **Elder** at the **Boulevard Church of Christ in Memphis, TN**, **teacher for the Young Adult Class**, and the **Minister of Education**. His dedication to the Christian community spans over **40 years**.

He has served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and superintendent over 40 years in public education. He is the owner and principal consultant of a **K12 Education Consultant firm, Process to Progress, LLC**. His work involves shaping educational novice leaders at the school and district levels.

James is a lifetime member of the **NAACP** and the **Jackson State National Alumni Association**, which reflects his commitment fostering meaningful connections. Finally, he has served on the Board for **United Way**, contributing to community development and welfare. He coached **Little Leagues Baseball, Middle and High School Sports** for nearly 20 years, an active member of **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.**, a historically significant organization that emphasizes achievement and service.

Bro. Bacchus has been married to his wife, **Sis. Cecilia Bacchus**, for an impressive **49 years**, with **four children**. He is known as **"Big Daddy"** to their **six grandchildren**, and a **great-grandson**.





**BEST, A. Reginald Jr.**

**PD1: Sharing or Recapturing the Joy of Teaching**



Reginald brings more than two decades of commitment to ministry, characterized by a profound dedication to urban church and a keen interest in the nuances of the black experience. Currently marking his sixteenth year as Minister of the Elmwood Park Church of Christ in Detroit, Michigan, Reginald has established a legacy of community engagement. Through a diverse range of initiatives, including hosting forums on pressing issues like **Crisis Among Black Males** and facilitating practical assistance programs such as the **DTE Energy Forum**, he has fostered a collaborative partnership between the church and the local community. His passion for uplifting youth is evident in initiatives such as employment fairs and basketball camps aimed at nurturing the next generation.

Beyond his ministerial duties, Reginald's impact extends to the realm of education and philanthropy. Serving as a college Vice President and Executive Director of the affiliated college foundation, he manages \$20-plus million in endowed assets. He further oversees a program offering tuition-free pathways to higher education for Detroit youth.

Reginald's steadfast dedication to education and pursuit of knowledge is evident in his diverse academic journey. He is a Doctoral Candidate concluding his studies in **Strategic Leadership for Black Churches** at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University. He has an earned Master of Arts in Religious Education, Rochester University with a concentration in Missional Leadership, a Master of Arts in Teaching, Wayne State University, with a concentration in Urban Schools, and a Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Organizational Psychology Wayne State University, with a minor in Speech Communication and an Associate of Arts, formerly Michigan Christian College. Furthermore, he holds credentials from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Nonprofit Management and Indiana University Lilly School of Philanthropy.

Reginald's engagement in the community extends to various local and international boards. His fervent passion for theology, particularly within the context of the black church experience, drives his exploration of the complex connections between culture and spirituality. His multifaceted journey epitomizes a deep commitment to service, education, and community empowerment and a legacy rooted in faith, compassion, and unrelenting pursuit of knowledge.

Reginald's leadership philosophy is as follows: *as a servant leader, I am dedicated to empowering social justice and fostering emotional transformation for the betterment of our community and the greater good of all. I lead with unwavering compassion and integrity, recognizing that individual and collective growth is essential for meaningful progress. I am dedicated to supporting, mentoring, and encouraging others in their walk with God.*

He is married to Chera Best, his wife of 25 years, and together they have two adult children.





## **CARTER, Justin M.**

### **BL7:Apologetics**

### **AD3:Writing and Developing Curriculum**

Justin Marcél Carter currently serves as Associate Minister at the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ in Chicago, IL, under the esteemed direction and guidance of Minister Leonardo D. Gilbert. Justin is a fourth generation Church of Christ ministry leader, following in the footsteps of his great uncles who were planters of Churches of Christ in Milwaukee, WI, and Rockford, IL. Justin Marcél Carter was born in Milwaukee, WI to the proud parents of Mark Carter and Renee Carter, whom he loves very much.

Prior to relocating to the Illinois area, Justin labored for the Lord for 12 years, preaching the Gospel in various locations including Waukegan, IL, Kansas City, KS, New York, NY, Milwaukee, WI, Dallas, TX and Houston, TX. For the past 5 years, he has shared his vast ministerial and educational experience with future generations, as Professor of Bible at Southwestern Christian College and Adjunct Professor of Theology at Abilene Christian University.

Demonstrating his firm belief in education, especially Christian education, Justin earned a Bachelor of Science in Bible from Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, TX. Furthermore, he received a Master of Divinity Degree in Bible and Theology from Southern Methodist University (SMU), in Dallas, TX. Currently, Justin is completing his Ph.D. in Theology and Cultural Criticism at the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Giving all glory to God, Justin has preached at revivals, conferences, lectureships, and seminars from the west coast to the east coast - and the north to the south. He has also preached internationally in Palestine, Mexico, Italy, Greece, and Israel. Even as a young man, his passion was, and continues to be, studying the divine mysteries of the Word, and connecting others to Christ through his preaching ministry.

A devoted man of God, husband to Brittany W. Carter and father to their children, Jaxson Lenox Carter, and Ava Elizabeth Carter. Justin's life reflects God's goodness, mercy, and grace. Leaning on the everlasting arms of God, Justin Marcél Carter's journey is guided by his spiritual parents in the Gospel, Minister Leonardo D. Gilbert, and First Lady Brenda Gilbert (Sheldon Heights Church of Christ – Chicago, IL), and spiritual grandparents in the Gospel, Dr. Daniel Harrison, and First Lady Frances Harrison (Chatham-Avalon Church of Christ – Chicago, IL), to whom he is forever grateful.

**BL7**

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SESSION DESCRIPTION • FRIDAY • APRIL 19TH • 2:45PM – 4:00PM

The theological term apologetics comes from the Greek word *apologia*, which literally means “a reasoned statement or a verbal defense”. To give an apology, then, unlike the more current definition of “I’m sorry,” is to defend and argue for a particular point of view to go against the grains of heresy. We find a mandate in Scripture to defend the faith, a mandate that every Christian must take seriously. In 1 Peter 3:14b-16, the Apostle writes, “Have no fear of them [those who would harm you], nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame”. The work of Apologetics is helping Christians know what they believe and why they believe it. Also it provides a defense of the truth claims of the faith in Jesus the Christ. This course will demystify the different ways that the world tries to confuse, alter, or change truth, namely truth about the facts of the Gospel. Naturally, it will give doctrinal emphasis to enlighten truth of the Gospel so that teachers in the Kingdom of God will be able to build their faith, and others faith, as well as defend the faith. Some of the movement of this session will include:

- 1). The Task of Apologetics in the Modern World
- 2). The Authority of the Bible in Biblically Illiterate Times
- 3). Jesus’ Teaching that Helps with Primal Doctrinal Issues
- 4). The Trustworthiness of the Teaching of Jesus



## CARUTHERS, Jefferson AD5 — Difficult Bible Questions and How to Answer Them



**Dr. Jefferson R Caruthers, Jr.** is a native of Anaheim, California. He is the son of a gospel preacher, Jefferson Caruthers, Sr. His father, J. R. Caruthers, Sr., attended Nashville Christian Institute (1948-1951) after encouragement from the late L. H. Alexander, his preacher in Midland, TX. Jefferson Sr. studied under the late Brother Marshall Keeble. Jefferson Caruthers, Jr. is one of eight children born to Brother Caruthers, Sr. and Mabel Caruthers.

Jefferson Caruthers Jr. became a Christian in Santa Ana, California (1969) under the preaching of Brother William Brown, who then ministered to the Westside Church of Christ in Santa Ana. Jefferson Caruthers, Jr. is a graduate of Southwestern Christian College (A.A., 1980), David Lipscomb College (B.A., 1982), Harding University Graduate School of Religion (M.Th.1987), Cleveland State University (M. Ed., 2004), Faulkner University (MPhil 2017). He completed the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) in 2018 at Hood Theological Seminary. Dr. Caruthers attended

Kearley Graduate School of Theology of Faulkner University where his PhD dissertation focuses the African American Hermeneutic in Churches of Christ.

In 1983, Jefferson Caruthers, Jr. married Felecia Sandrelli Spinks of Auburn, Alabama. They are the parents of seven children, one son in law, one daughter-in-law, seven grandchildren: Chava (Mike Mash, little Mikey, Cecelia, Carina and Marciano), Jefferson III, Carmen, Joshua (Jasmine Caruthers, Jai Evan Caruthers, Jonah Cole Caruthers, Jericho Bryant Caruthers) Hayley, Joel and Jonas (the last two are twins). Sister Caruthers also attended David Lipscomb College and is a graduate of Memphis State University (B.S. 1985), and the University of Mississippi (M. Ed., 1990). She has also completed the Master of Library and Information Studies with a concentration in Archival Management at the University of North Carolina Greensboro (2019).

In 1988, Jefferson Caruthers began work for Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia, Mississippi. During his tenure, he taught pharmaceutical math as well as GED preparation courses under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). He taught at several cities in north Mississippi before transferring to be a high school instructor at Senatobia High School (1992-1994). Other teaching experiences include Martin Luther King Jr. High School in Cleveland, Ohio where he worked as instructor, Intervention Specialist, and wrestling coach (certified in English, Math, History, Science grades 1-12) beginning in 2001. In 2005, he relocated to Winston Salem, NC and has worked as theology instructor at the School of Religious Studies (Little Rock, Arkansas) since 2012.

Jefferson Caruthers has been preaching since 1977. He has ministered to the Central Avenue Church of Christ in Coldwater, Mississippi (1983-1993), and to the Adams Avenue Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio (1994-2005). Brother Caruthers began his work as preacher for the Carver Road church of Christ in July of 2005. He has spoken on college lectureships on subjects including the history of the restoration leaders. He has also spoken on numerous state and regional lectureships, the national lectureship, youth meetings and gospel meetings. He is the author of numerous tracts as well as workbooks on both Old Testament and New Testament writings. He has written bible school materials for the 21<sup>st</sup> Christian series, "Blueprints." He also publishes study materials through Proclamation press.

Jefferson Caruthers has served on the executive board of the National Lectureship of Churches of Christ, chairs the board of the North Carolina Brotherhood and State Lectureship, is on the board of directors for the National Teachers' Workshop, is a board member of the Southeastern Lectureship, chairs the board of Quality Education Academy (K-12 Charter School that began at Carver Road), and is on the board of Quality Independent Living (an apartment facility of 42 units built by the church). As an educator, brother Caruthers has taught at Northwest Mississippi Community College and Senatobia High school in Senatobia, MS. He also taught at Martin Luther King High School in Cleveland, Ohio where he also served as wrestling coach. He most recently served as instructor for the School of Religious Studies in Little Rock, Arkansas. In the year 2000, brother Caruthers founded the Proclamation Press New Year's Symposium held yearly in January.



## CRUSOE, James Michael

### BL5: Hermeneutics



Bro. Crusoe has been associated with churches of Christ his entire life. He was baptized into Christ at age of 7, and preached his first sermon at age 20. He is a native of Dayton, Ohio. He attended Irving Elementary. He is a graduate of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. He was selected as “Most Versatile” his senior year in high school, based on athletics and academics. He is married to Debra Dilworth, and they have 3 children and 1 grandchild.

With over 40 plus years of ministry, Brother Crusoe has served churches of Christ in Arizona, Kansas, Tennessee, California, and Virginia. He has preached the gospel in 32 states, and 5 countries outside the continental USA, including Nigeria, Liberia, Jamaica, Bermuda, and the Cayman Islands. He conducts a number of revivals and gospel meetings, and speaks regularly at national, regional and state Church of Christ lectureships. Brother Crusoe served as the host of a national television broadcast seen on the Word Network for 9 years. That broadcast reached 60 million viewers.

He served as a chaplain with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. He serves as a board member on the National Lectureship Advisory Committee of Churches of Christ; board member of the National Teachers Workshop of Churches of Christ; and former board member of the Tennessee State Lectureship. He is the founder and President of Charis Acres, Inc.; and Executive Director of Grace Place Retirement Community, two 501c3 organizations that serve the city of Memphis community providing a HUD 202, 30 unit 2-story senior citizen complex. He is an instructor and lectureship director at the School of Religious Studies in Little Rock, Arkansas. He is a part-time GED instructor with Prince George Schools connected with a Virginia Correctional facility.

Brother Crusoe received an undergraduate B.A. degree from Wittenberg University in Sociology; is a 1983 graduate of Abilene Christian University, receiving a M.S. degree in Ministry and Evangelism. He has advanced post-graduate study at John Marshall Law School; Union Presbyterian School of Christian Education; Harding School of Theology; and received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Union University, (emphasis in Expository Preaching.) His dissertation title is: “Developing A Young Adult Ministry at East End Church of Christ.” This dissertation focus is on equipping young adults, age 18 to 35 for ministry, while providing a model for congregations to establish an evangelism, discipleship, and intergenerational ministry.

He has authored several books: *Generational Bride Building: It’s Not Their Fault; Somebody Must Come Preaching: Expositions in African American Churches of Christ; A Model for Making Disciples: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Manuel and Paradigm; Ministerial Ethics for Servant Leaders.* He has contributed to number of publications including: *The Hour Has Come: Expositions from the Gospel of John; Help from Heaven: Expositions from Ephesians; and Hero from Heaven: Expositions from Colossians; and Church Matters contributor.*



**DOWELL, Chris**

**TM6: Teaching Methods for Teaching Students with Special Needs**



**Christopher Dowell**, a respected educator in Chicago, Illinois, brings over 20 years of experience to his role at Beasley Academic Center. His career has seen him excel as a teacher, school Dean, and contributor to the Gifted and Talents office within Chicago Public Schools. Dowell's tenure reflects a deep commitment to student success, particularly in addressing diverse learners' needs.

In the classroom, Dowell shines as a compassionate troubleshooter, adept at crafting personalized learning strategies for students. His dedication to supporting students extends beyond academics, fostering a nurturing environment where every individual feels valued and empowered. His holistic approach to teaching and leadership has earned him respect and admiration from colleagues and students alike, solidifying his legacy as a beacon of excellence in education. Dowell and his family attend Sheldon Heights Church of Christ.



## DOWELL, Janelle

### TC3 Canva, Part 2



**Janelle Vaughn Dowell** serves as the New Media Ministry Co Chair at Sheldon Heights Church of Christ. She is a Chicago-based media educator, artist, and entrepreneur who uses multiple technologies and platforms to tell inspirational stories. Dowell creates experimental films, poetic digital broadcasts, faith centered publications and designs, and new media experiments. Her work in expanded digital media is rooted in research on historically African-American resort communities of the 20th Century. These epicenters followed a simple and effective formula; they provided a transformational space for people to simply, BE STILL and rest.

Dowell works for the City Colleges of Chicago as a Media and Communications Design Adjunct Professor and is the founder of REST Global Media, Inc. She and her husband (Christopher) and daughter (Kristin) attend Sheldon Heights Church of Christ in Chicago.





**FORD, Vincent**

### **PD3 The Tongue**



Vince Ford II is a preacher, activist, teacher, and community leader right here in Columbus, Ohio. Originally from Garland, Texas, Vince is a graduate of Southwestern Christian College and Stephen F. Austin University. He is currently the Senior Minister at the Church of Christ at Genessee Avenue and has served in ministry for over ten years in Nacogdoches, Texas, Phoenix, Arizona, and now Columbus, Ohio. Vince is also the Director of Outreach for Foundations for Families 501(c)(3). Brother Ford serves as Community Service Chair for the National Youth Conference. He has been serving as Minister at the Genessee Avenue Church of Christ since 2019.

Vince has a Masters Degree in Public Administration and Special Education and has played a very active role in the development of young boys in a public school setting for over 10 years. He is also the author of the book "The Leader That Society Did Not Choose". He is also a certified Trauma Informed Care Trainer for the CARE Coalition through Columbus Public Health. Vince is the founder of Man Up and Educate, a mentoring program serving young men in the Columbus City School District. Vince and his wife Antwanelle have three wonderful sons!



**GILBERT, Leonardo**

### **AD3: Writing and Developing Curriculum**



**LEONARDO D. GILBERT** has been a visionary, community leader, and Jamaican missionary for over 30 years. He is actively involved in spearheading, and working in leadership capacities on several religious and community organizations. In fact his motto is that he has been “*saved to serve,*” and service is indeed what he provides. He believes that everyone should take a vital interest in making a significant difference in his or her community and abroad.

Gilbert follows his beliefs and is heavily involved in strategic planning, organizational structure, financial planning and advisement, advisory board memberships, spiritual guidance and counseling. He has spearheaded and implemented several church and community programs and initiatives. He is a man with vision and a strong desire and commitment to service.

Leonardo currently serves full-time as Minister of the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ. He worked in various capacities, under the mentorship of the late Bro. Samuel L. Jordan, before becoming the full-time Pastor, including serving as the Youth Director, Youth Minister, Educational Director, and Assistant Minister. During his early years of service with the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ, Gilbert organized a Youth Development Ministry (YDM) and created/developed the Midwest Teachers’ Workshop (MTW), which is now the National Teachers’ Workshop (NTW).

However, because he lives by the motto of “*Saved to Serve*” his service extends beyond the walls and membership of the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ. Some of his other current and former positions include, but are not limited to the following areas of service: Chair of the Greater Chicago Food Depository Board of Directors, Vice Chair of the Greater Chicago Food Depository Board of Directors, President of the Greater Roseland/West Pullman Food Network, U.S. Director, International/American Medical Mission, President of the Advisory Board for the Roseland Mental Health Center, Advisory Board Member for the City of Chicago Department of Public Health, Division of former member of Fenger High School Local School Council, Mental Health , Executive Committee, Board member of the former 34th Ward Ministers Alliance, Vice-Chair of Finance for the planning committee that produces an annual Midwest Youth Conference, Advisory Board Member and former Executive Committee Vice Chair for the Chicago Citywide Youth Directors and Counselors (CYDC), and Director of Outreach for the National Churches of Christ Crusade

He also serves as a board member on the following community and religious groups: School of Religious Studies (Little Rock Arkansas), Midwest Women’s Conference, and Southwestern Christian College.

Gilbert is also an educational leader and consultant to various other organizations where he is involved in strategic implementation of multiple programs and community initiatives. He has completed his masters degree from the North Park University School of Business—Non Profit Management. He is currently pursuing advanced studies in nonprofit business, locally and internationally.

In addition to all of his work in the community and in the church, Gilbert is a husband (*married to Brenda since June 2, 1984*) , father and grandfather.



## GILBERT, Teresa

### TCI: Zoom Basics



Teresa Gilbert is a member of Sheldon Heights Church of Christ's Annex Core Team. Her primary focus is church marketing, and managing the church's print shop.

Teresa is a member of several ministries/committees including Transportation, Anniversary, Sister-2-Sister Core Team, Bulletin, and Bereavement Support. She also serves as director of the Sheldon Heights CoC Food Pantry.

Teresa is the loving wife of Deacon Reginald L. Gilbert and the proud mother of four sons: Kenneth, Donovan, Reginald K., and Joshua. Serving in ministry alongside her husband, with the support and encouragement of the other Leadership Wives of Sheldon Heights is a true blessing.



## **TCI: ZOOM BASICS: ENHANCING CHRISTIAN TEACHING**

### **Introduction**

#### **Understanding Zoom:**

Define what Zoom is and its significance in today's digital teaching landscape.

Highlight the benefits of using Zoom for Christian teaching

#### **Getting Started with Zoom:**

Go over the process of downloading and installing the Zoom application on their devices.

Provide a step-by-step demonstration of how to create a Zoom account and set up a meeting.

Explain the different types of Zoom meetings and their respective uses.

#### **Navigating Zoom Features:**

Explore essential Zoom features, including:

- Video and audio controls

- Screen sharing

- Chat function

- Participant management (muting, spotlighting, etc.)

Demonstrate how to effectively utilize these features during teaching sessions.

#### **Best Practices for Engaging Christian Teaching on Zoom:**

Tips and strategies for creating an engaging and interactive learning environment on Zoom:

- Encourage active participation through polls, breakout rooms, and Q&A sessions.

- Incorporate multimedia content (scripture verses, videos, slides) to enhance teaching.

- Foster a sense of community and connection among students through virtual fellowship activities.

### **Conclusion**



## GRIFFIN, Brooks

### TC4: Apple Keynote and Other Apps for Teachers



Brooks L. Griffin is an inspiring leader and servant of the Lord, currently serving as the Senior Minister of North Shore Church of Christ, based out of Waukegan, Illinois. With a passion for community outreach and spiritual development, Brooks Griffin has dedicated his life to spreading the gospel message.

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Minister Griffin cultivated a strong foundation in his faith and a commitment to community service. His professional journey began in Milwaukee, where he actively served in a variety of roles including youth & young adult ministries, community organizations, The Milwaukee Bucks Foundation and The Corporate Social Responsibility Department of the 2021 NBA Champions Milwaukee Bucks.

Brooks Griffin is not only a dedicated minister but also a Youth Motivational Speaker. Brooks delivers empowering keynotes, workshops, and training on youth success, overcoming adversity, and mental health awareness. He has delivered hundreds of presentations and has inspired over 10,000 young leaders in Wisconsin and across the world.

In 2023, Brooks Griffin transitioned to the Waukegan area, where he has been instrumental in fostering spiritual growth and community development. Minister Brooks Griffin currently serves as a Steering Committee Member of The Midwest Youth Conference, Co-Chair of Lake County's Violence Prevention Coordinating Council, and Partner of Own It Mentoring Group.



## HARRELL, Linda and VANESSA GILBERT YOUNG

### TM3 — Teaching Methods for High School (Grades 9-12) Teachers



**Linda Kaye Underwood-Harrell** - I am the daughter of Charles Underwood Sr. (1976) and Myrtle J. Underwood (2016) both deceased. I have 3 children that I birthed and many others that I love to call my children through life. I have been a Sunday School teacher off and on since the age of 17. I currently co-teach the High School Teen Class at the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ where Bro. Leonardo Gilbert is our Minister. I also work with the young voices at Sheldon in singing. I love studying GOD'S WORD and passing on what I have learned to the young people in our class. I pray that GOD continues to bless all those who attend our class so that they are able to share THE WORD with others on their journey.



**Vanessa Gilbert-Young**, daughter of Leon (deceased) and Marie Gilbert, and sister of Leonardo D. Gilbert is a member of Sheldon Heights Church of Christ. She has been an active member since her baptism In September 1972. She has been a public school teacher for over 30 years. Currently she is a teacher in the Teen class. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



## **HARRIS, Artrell, D. Ed.MMin.** **BL4 — Overview of Keys to Effective Teaching**



Dr. Artrell Harris is a native of Nashville, Tennessee and currently lives in the Greater Kansas City area. He holds a degree from Tennessee State and a Master's in Ministry from Pepperdine. In addition, he is the minister for the Roswell Church of Christ.

He is married to the love of his life (Pamela), and they have one daughter. Mr. Harris earned a Doctoral degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition, he has close to 25 years of preaching, teaching and ministry experience.

Finally, Dr. Harris has published two works: *The Path to Spiritual Growth and Maturity* and *The New Believers Handbook*.



**National Teachers Workshop**  
**Dr. Artrell Harris**  
**Session Outline**  
**BL 4: OT Overview – Keys to Effective Teaching**

Overview: The workshop will lay out key scriptures and items of interest within the Old Testament. The session will also discuss pivotal teaching principals that will encourage teachers to look deeper within scripture to help students gain a greater understanding of God's word.

The session will feature an introduction to basic teaching strategies that will help instructors improve their teaching skills.

Teachers will receive a brief overview of the Old Testament which will be designed to increase biblical knowledge.

The workshop will include a few teaching approaches that will allow the teacher greater depth in their dialogue and interaction with students.

Participants will gain a greater appreciation for the types of literature featured in the Old Testament.

Teachers will learn how to prepare to present lessons in numerous ways that reach students on all levels under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit.

Teachers will be challenged to think of ways they can improve in an effort to help impact students to develop a deeper desire and love for studying God's divine word.

Individuals will gain a better understanding of historical context, Old Testament culture, and original intent by the biblical writer.

Teachers will glean ways to understand the text in its original setting and proper application for today.





## JACKSON, Michael



Brother W. Michael Jackson has been preaching the Gospel for more than 30 years, and currently serves as the located Minister for the Boulevard Church of Christ in Memphis Tennessee. He also serves as one of the Elders. In addition, he serves as Vice Chair of the National Teachers Workshop.

Brother Jackson has a passion for Teaching and Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He believes that there is no greater joy than the experience of sharing the Word of God that leads to spiritual growth and development. He has been privileged to preach in many areas of the brotherhood, as well as conduct workshops in Christian Education.

He attended Northwest Community College, the University of Mississippi, and Draughtons College; with a degree in General Business and Business Management. He is proud to have by his side for over 39 years, his gorgeous Chocolate Girl, Genevia McDaniel Jackson, and they have two adult children, Evan Michael and Erika Genen.

He retired from Federal Express as a Computer Systems Analyst in Flight Training in 2018. He also spent many years as an IT Supervisor with the Army Corp of Engineers, and he has served as an Instructor for Remington College.

One of his favorite scriptures for guiding principles in life and comfort is Psalms 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble".

***Let's keep Bro. W. Michael Jackson, NTW Vice Chair, in prayer for health and healing.***

***Let's also lift up Sis. Genevia Jackson in prayer.***

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## AD2: Administrative Dilemmas and How to Solve Them

We live in a time of rapid change and trends and unfortunately The Church of our Lord is not immune to those changes. The Word will stand forever, but in an effort to instruct the people of God in the Word of God, the Education Administrator is faced with an even greater challenge in these changing times.

Can you say “covid”. Never in our lifetime did we think that we would experience a pandemic that would drastically change how we do church. And the sad reality is that many of our churches are **still** trying to recover from the effects of this global virus. And so, as a result, the Education Administrator has added even more to what was already a full plate.

It is with that thought in mind that we engage in this workshop on today that will deal with the Administrative Dilemmas of Christian Education and how do we go about solving these dilemmas. To properly approach this subject matter, we first need to define some key words that will form the basis for our discussion today.

The Biblical foundation for Christian Education can be seen in Jesus’ commission to the disciples in Matthew 28:19-20...

*19 Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: The evangelism piece is to teach all nations or make disciples.*

*20 **Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

The education piece is to teach the disciples that have been taught in the way of righteousness or in the doctrine of Christ.

And the way that you do that effectively is through a systematic method of disseminating information to the hearer.

Thus, the need for Education Administration comes into existence. So, what is an education administrator?

- Education – knowledge acquired by learning and instruction. Activities that impart knowledge or skill.
- Administrator – someone who manages or governs.
- Dilemmas – a state of uncertainty or perplexity.

So as an Education Administrator, you manage or govern the gathering of knowledge or information that is imparted to the disciples through instruction or various activities.

And rest assured, that if you are to be successful, you will encounter some dilemmas.

Some areas that will be discussed during this workshop:

- Determining your Direction
- Strategies for Successful Staffing
- Training Teachers to Teach
- The Battle for Bible School Budgets

Just to name a few. But the good news is that we can be victorious over whatever dilemmas we might face, but to do that planning your work and working your plan must be a priority.



## **JOHNSON, Jonathan**

### **BL8: 1 & 2 Peter—An Old Answer for a Current Situation**

Evangelist Jonathan Johnson is a native Chicagoan, Brother Johnson attended New Life Bible College in Cleveland, Tennessee where he received his bachelor's degree in biblical studies. He later went on to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration at East West University here in downtown Chicago. For the past 10 years he has worked in the social services field mentoring troubled and impoverished youth and helping them to become well rounded citizens, while constantly giving back to the community here on the west side of Chicago.

He is currently Assistant Minister of the Maypole Avenue Church of Christ in Chicago, IL. Jonathan was baptized into Christ in June of 2002 under the leadership of the late Dr. Cardie L. Harper. He has been preaching since 2014 and was first introduced to the pulpit by his

lifelong mentor Dr. Nathaniel Dean. Bro. Johnson has preached across the brotherhood, facilitated workshops and classes, and spoken on the national lecturership as well, his greatest joy is teaching bible classes.



## JONES, Bryan C.

### EV1/EV2: The Art of Soul Winning



**Bryan C. Jones**  
Senior Minister

**Bryan C. Jones** was born in Greenwood, SC, and raised by faithful Christian parents. He grew up attending the Haigler St. Church of Christ under the ministry of the late I.V. White and was baptized into Christ in September of 1997 by the late Hosie Byrd, Jr. of the Southside Church of Christ in Greenwood, S.C. Bryan was trained and ordained under the tutelage of Evangelist and Author, John Davis Marshall for four years at the Graceview Church of Christ campus in Stone Mountain, G.A.

During his first ministry assignment at the Graceview Church of Christ in Anderson, SC, the Church experienced significant growth under Bryan's leadership. The congregation baptized over a hundred souls in just a few years. In January of 2015, Bryan led his former congregation (Graceview Church of Christ) to start a Television broadcast called "Passion for Christ". He produced and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ on television weekly to 1.4 million homes for almost five years. He also

hosted a weekly Internet Radio program also called "Passion for Christ" which blessed many people throughout the country. He has preached numerous Gospel meetings, Gospel Revivals, conducted workshops and baptized many lost souls into Christ.

Bryan is the author of two life-changing books, *Finding My Good Thing* (2018), regarded as one of the best books written on Christian dating, and *The Art of Soul Winning* (2021), a strategic guide to effectively win souls in the social media age. He facilitates two life-transforming workshops, *The Art of Soul Winning* and *Finding My Good Thing*, to inspire audiences around the country through his content.

He currently serves as the Senior Minister for the Newburg Church of Christ, a dynamic purpose-driven congregation of the Lord's people in Louisville, Kentucky. Bryan is a passionate student of scripture who graduated in December of 2019 with a Master's degree in Biblical Studies from Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama. He enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, and pursuing his purpose of transforming lives through his life-changing ministry. Bryan is married to his amazing wife Mrs. Danielle P. Jones and you can get to know how God united them together in marriage in their life-changing dating book, "Finding My Good Thing".

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## JONES, William

### BL2: Exploring the Book of Colossians

### BL3: Advanced Bible Study

### BI10: Review of Revelations



William Jones is a native of Memphis, Tenn., but spent his formative years in Racine, Wis.

He has been preaching the gospel of Christ for 45 years. Bro. Jones faithfully served as ministering Evangelist to the Reynolds St. Church of Christ in Rochester NY. for 15 years. He served with distinction the Boulevard Church of Christ of Memphis, Tenn. for 22 years. He has returned to Rochester to serve with the North Greece Rd. Church of Christ (formerly Reynolds St.) as Minister for the last 6 years.

His education includes Southwestern Christian College, David Lipscomb University, and the Masters Seminary and School of Theology.

He is a writer for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christians publishers. His books include *"The Ridicules Runaway, Doctrines on Trial, Songs Sung in the Key of Life, Sharpening Your Spiritual Sword and Rebuilding God's People to Reflect God's Purpose.* These bible study books are being used by congregations all across the Brotherhood. He is also a contributing writer for the NTW commentary on the books of Ephesians, Colossians and the soon to be released book of Philipians.

Bro. Jones served for many years on the Board of Agape Child and family Services. He has been named Chairman of the Board for the National Teachers Workshop, an annual bible teacher training institute. He served as a Board member of the Tennessee State Lectureship. He is married to the former Brenda Briscoe for 38 years. They have 3 children, Christopher, Christina, and Christian.



## BL2: RAISED TO REIGN: A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS OUTLINE

Minister William Jones

North Greece Rd. Church of Christ, Rochester, NY

### INTRODUCTION

The book of Colossians is one of the 4 Prison Epistles penned by Paul while imprisoned in Rome.

The Pauline authorship of the book has been generally accepted, at least until the rise of higher criticism in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Paul's authorship of the epistle is supported by many early church leaders like Eusebius, Tertullian, Origen, and Irenaeus, among others.

### OUTLINE

- A WORD OF DOCTRINE: DECLARING CHRIST PREEMINENCE (CHAPT. 1)
- A WORD OF DANGER: DEFENDING CHRIST PREEMINENCE (CHAPT. 2)
- A WORD OF DEVOTION: DEMONSTRATING CHRIST PREEMINENCE (CHAPTS 3-4)

### CHAPTER 3

#### IN THE DECISIONS OF OUR THOUGHT LIFE (vs. 1-4)

- A. The Reality Of Our New Position
- B. The Responsibility Of A New Practice
- C. The Resource Of A New Power
- D. The Reason For Our New Position

#### IN THE DEDICATION OF OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE (vs 5-9)

- A. The Reactions Described
- B. The Reason Declared

#### IN THE DISCIPLINE OF OUR NEW LIFE (VS. 9-17)

- A. The Progress Seen
- B. The Power Source

#### IN THE DEVOTION OF OUR FAMILY LIFE (VS. 18-24)

- A. A Word For Wives
- B. A Hint For Husbands
- C. A Caution For Children
- D. A Principle For Parents



## JUNIEL, Troy & Shauna

### TM2: Teaching Grades 4-8



Troy and Shauna Juniel are a husband and wife duo that together have been teaching for over 26 years. It was education and coaching sports that ultimately brought them together while working at the same middle school. They both were substitute teachers prior to receiving their degrees at Governors State University and officially entering the field of education. Both have spent the majority of their teaching careers as middle school social studies teachers and basketball/cheer coaches. Today, Troy teaches 7th grade social studies and coaches chess. Shauna teaches 5th grade reading, language arts and social studies and leads the National Elementary Honor Society.

Outside of the classroom, they enjoy spending family time and traveling with their own five “students,” Ava, Jacob, Caiden, Odile and Skylar. Troy does photography and Shauna bakes. Together they own and operate Sugar Butta Bakery, a home bakery. They are members of the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ, serve on the Youth Development Ministry and Praise Team (Shauna).



## **KIMMONS, Jennifer**

### **PD4: Make It Make Sense**



Jennifer Kimmons is rooted in the Church of Christ and passionate about Kingdom Work. A humble wife to David Kimmons, Jr. and mother to a beautiful daughter, Sa'Riyah Kimmons. A fur mom of five: Kobi, Blue, Taz, Duke and Noah. Jennifer's family motivates her everyday to continue to evolve into her own take of a Proverbs 31 woman. Jennifer is a proud graduate of THEE Jackson State University, in Jackson, MS, one of the greatest HBCUs. Jennifer continued her educational career at Abilene Christian University, earning her Specialist degree in School Psychology. Jennifer currently serves as a school psychologist for Milwaukee Public Schools and is grateful for the opportunity to empower the youth, their families and her community.





## MAKE IT MAKE SENSE OUTLINE

### Wellness Fulfillment Screener

Take a moment to reflect on the level of fulfillment (**Level 1**: means you are struggling and feel unfulfilled in that area. **Level 10**: means you're satisfied with that area and don't think it needs much improvement.) you are currently experiencing in the following 8 areas of your life:

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Spiritual Wellbeing**: Engaging in personal growth and understanding
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Mental Wellbeing**: Having a healthy mindset and emotions
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Physical wellbeing**: Eating well, exercising, quality sleep
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Environmental Wellbeing**: Having a safe and comfortable living and working space
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Recreation**: Engaging in hobbies, fun and downtime
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Wellbeing**: Feeling connected to others
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Career/Occupational Wellbeing**: Experiencing satisfaction with work
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Financial Wellbeing**: Budgeting, saving and managing money

### Progression vs Paralysis in the Mind



Progression: the process of developing or moving gradually towards a more advanced state; succession; series

-Oxford Languages



Paralysis: complete or partial loss of function especially involving the motion or sensation in a part of the body; loss of the ability to move; a state of powerlessness or incapability to act

-Merriam Webster

### The Devil's Plan for your Life vs God's Plan for your Life

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;  
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.



**Mental Health:** a person's condition with regard to their psychological and emotional well-being  
-Oxford Languages

**Trauma:** Individual Trauma results from an event, series of events, or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that has lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, emotional or spiritual well-being

-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

**Biblical Examination:**

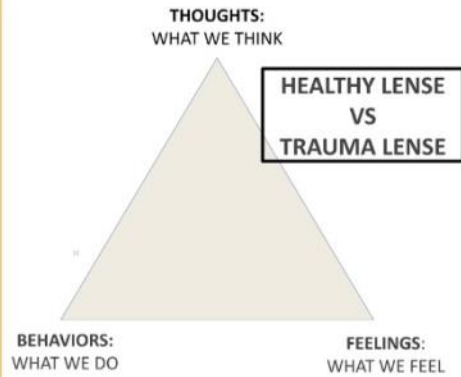
Walk with these biblical characters and analyze their potential Thoughts, Feelings & Behaviors:

- Noah
- Moses
- Job
- Joseph
- Paul
- Peter
- Elijah
- Mary (Mother of Jesus)
- Jesus

**COGNITIVE  
BEHAVIORAL TRIANGLE  
(CBT)**

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE

PROVERBS 23:7



Moments of Paralysis may come but God always provides The Way Through & Towards...

Romans 12:2

The Way Through & Towards A Progressive Mindset  
&  
Life of Fulfillment  
Phillipians 4:4-9



**Make It Make Sense: It's up to YOU to choose...**

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## BL6

Aim: To comprehend the nature of the Kingdom as it relates to The Overview of the Scriptures!

Text: Matthew 2

Recap: Objective of the study!

- a. to develop an awareness of the true nature of the Kingdom.
- b. to seek to understand the nature of the kingdom
- c. to see the objective as to why Jesus came proclaim himself as king and to establish his kingdom.
- d. to seek the correlation between the Kingdom and the church
- e. to have a better understanding of our stewardship as it pertains to the kingdom
- f. what kind of commitment level does God requite for his subjects?

Introduction: we will seek to give you definitions that are essential for the proper understanding of what we are in. These words are essential to understand the nature of kingdom living.

Study glossary:

1. Nature, the wheel of nature, the reason for divine purpose, the original course of mankind or God. The sphere of earthly life, the meaning conferred on ones life and existence.

2. Kingdom:

- a. kisse, the general meaning is that of throne, either earthly or heavenly throne. God is the one who establishes thrones and overthrows them, thrones is kingdom or dynasties.
- b. malkut, empire, realm reign, royal power
- c. malkoka, kings dignity or power, the idea of king and kingdom

The concept of kingdom is important in the OT because of the Davidic dynasty was at a crucial state in Israel's history and to which subsequent OT literature had been fundamental.

- a. kingship becomes important for Israel's future hope as the people lacked a messianic figure in David's line who will consummate God's kingdom.
- b. God is often called a king and his kingship is explicitly in Psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Zechariah.
- c. when you look at the concept of kingdom you see what could be the overall theme for understanding and communicating the fundamental idea of the whole Bible. It is the purple thread that weaves it way throughout the scriptures as the unifying theme beginning with the vision of God and ordaining Adam as his royal vicar on earth. The theme of the OT is manifested throughout the OT and finds it's fulfillment in the ministry of Jesus Christ!

The Basileus Group:

- A. Basileus, ruler, king
- B. basileuein, kingship, kingly, rule kingdom
- C. Basileuo, to be king, rule
- D. symbasileuo, share the rule
- E. basileios, royal
- F. basilikos, royal, kingly
- G. basiliea, queen
- I. in the mycsaneon, the earliest Greek dialect recorded under in linear methodology and dating from the



## LUGO, Luis

### BL6: nt Overview

Married: Andrea C. Grace, 1966 to present:

Family 5 Children

4 Boys (Luis Jr. Kyle, Micheal, Marc)

1 Girl (Robin)

1 Deceased

#### School:

High School, Thomas Alva Edison, Philadelphia, Penn.

Graduated, 1965

Sunset International Bible School

1968-1971,

United Theological Seminary

1980-1981, Bachelor and Master

Denver Theological Special Study

Dallas Theological Special Study

Newburgh Theological Seminary

2022 to present

Kansas City Community College

1996 Journalism

American Theological Seminary

2006

#### Hobbies:

Fishing

Swimming/Snorkeling/Spear Fishing

Traveling

#### Writing (Published Works

The Blessed Life

The Five Fold Work of the Evangelist

The Five Fold Work of the Elders

The Two Covenants

Commentary in Ephesians (A word study depicting the position, possession, posture and purpose of the church)

The Forgotten Commandment (Matt. 28:18-20)

What The Spirit Saith To The Church, (Revelation 2-3)

Broken Homes And Handicap Children (Ephesians 6)

The Personality of the Spirit

Is The Spirit God

#### Publications at Editors

The Spirit of Glory

The King And The Kingdom

The Exceeding Sinfulness of Sin

#### Future Works in The Process

Sanctification Not Frankenstein (Study on Behaviour Modification)

The Five Major Doctrines Of The Scriptures, (Romans)

The Eternal Sermon, (Hebrews)

Sucking Spaghetti Out of A Coke Bottle, (Philippians)

Major Controversies Of The Holy Spirit

What's In A Name?

#### Congregations Served

St. Croix church of Christ 1971-1979

Alton Park, Chattanooga 1979-1980

Adair St., Valdosta, Ga. 1980-1981

Highland Ave. Tampa, Fla 1981-1988

Roswell, Kansas City, 1989-2007

Monroe St, Chicago, 2007-2015

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#### Board of Directors, NTW

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National Lectureship

Editor for NTW Publications

#### Travel Mission with Medical Missions





18th through the 22 century BC the idea was that of anix dominion king.

Thrones, one who ruled, tyranny one who gained the ruled by illegitimate means.

Trone:

- a. seat of authority, power, strength
- b. bema, judgement seat

Son of man:

- a. the heavenly high priest
- b. Jewish tradition, the figure of Metatron is similar (of not identical) to the son of man and Acts as a high priest of the heavenly high priesthood.
  1. metatron is a Greek name , the name meant "the one next to the throne.'
  - a. Metatron is the prince of all Prince and stands before him who is exalted above all God's.
  - b. In Enoch God is described with the term "Head of Days" which correspond to "Ancient of Days" in Daniels. In Enoch God is also called "the Lord of the spirits', in Enoch he is described like in the book of Daniel as having white hair as wool

II. The ministry of John

- A. The Intertestimonial period: 400 years of silence
  1. Rise of Pharisees, Sadducees and the Maccabean saga
  2. the rise of the Roman Empire
- a. The coming of John the Baptist
  1. Who was John? Elizabeth and Zacharias Son, Luke 1:39-66
  1. Prophet, Elijah to come, Mal. 4:4-6;Matt. 17:11-15;Luke 1:16-17
  - a. Purpose (Matthew 2:1ff)
    1. Ministry of preparation (the way, the people and Jesus).
    2. Ministry of proclamation, (destruction, baptism, Holy Spirit).
    3. Ministry of humility, (John 3:22-30).
    4. Ministry of sacrifice ( Matthew 14:1-12)



**MITCHELL, Robin**

**TC2: Canva Part I — The Basics**  
**TC5: Technology Teacher Idea Exchange**



Robin L. Mitchell has served in ministry for over 30 years as a local missionary preacher, field coordinator for local evangelism, former singles coordinator, Youth Minister, Technology Director, and now Associate Minister for his home congregation, McAlmont Church of Christ. He has received numerous invitations to preach at congregations in Arkansas, California, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, and Jamaica, and the list is continuously growing.

Robin became an ordained minister in 2000 and developed a pre-marriage counseling guide in 2003. He published his first couple's devotional in 2016, "Inspire The Love You Desire - 30 Days of Love Tips". His engineering background spans over 28 years with numerous certifications and awards; currently employed as Sales Engineering Manager with iBwave Solutions - a subsidiary of Corning Optical Communications. He has been married to his wonderful wife, Anita, for 27 years residing in Little Rock, AR.



**PAYNE, Michael**

### **PD5 Keys to be a Successful Teacher**



My name is Minister Mike Payne. I'm honored to serve at Harvey Church of Christ as the Senior Minister. I have been preaching for about 10 years. I have been attending Harvey, literally, my entire life.

My preaching journey began when I was installed as the Assistant Minister of Harvey in 2017. In May of 2022, I became The Interim Senior Minister of Harvey. In April of 2023, I was installed as The Senior Minister of Harvey.

Outside of preaching, I work in the Pharmaceutical Sales Industry where I'm humbled to be The District Manager of the Chicago West District. I'm tasked with the responsibility of managing, coaching, and developing 9 Pharmaceutical Sales Specialists.

My pride and joy is my 9 year old son, and he is my absolute everything! He is an extension of God's love for me, right here on earth, in the form of a 9 year old boy. My hobbies are boxing, martial arts, weightlifting, and giving back by mentoring the youth and young adults.



## **PD5 Keys to be a Successful Teacher**

### **NTW Session**

#### Outline:

##### I. Attention is a gift...

- A. Reward this gift by being adequately prepared
- B. No “winging it”
- C. A well prepared lesson is a “verb”... it should DO something

##### II. Information, inspiration, and application

- A. Information-what would you like your audience to know.
- B. Inspiration-what would you like your audiences to feel.
- C. Application-what would you like your listeners to do.
- D. The three should be interconnected for maximal impact and effectiveness.

##### III. PSEC

- A. Problem. Solution. Equip. Challenge
- B. Present the problem
- C. Present the solution
- D. Equip your audience
- E. Challenge your audience

##### IV. Ethos, Pathos, Logos

- A. Ethos-credibility and a trustworthy source (the speaker should have this established for his message to be received effectively)
- B. Pathos-a lesson that moves the heart
- C. Logos-a lesson that stimulates the mind

##### V. The four pillars

- A. Credibility-the teacher himself/herself
- B. Connection
- C. Communication
- D. Content





## PRYOR, Troy

### EV3: Evangelism Through Technology



Troy Osborne Pryor is a media producer and host with the superpower of connecting with wide audiences.

Pryor's directorial debut was on TV One's Change Agents and his collaborations have led to award-winning content on multiple platforms.

Pryor is the founder of Creative Cypher, a portfolio of media brands & investments. He is the founder of the XL Film Festival, Vice President of SAG-AFTRA Chicago, & an advisor to an array of organizations.

Pryor is also the great-grandson of the late Bro. Levi Kennedy.



**ROBINSON, Limahl**

**BLI: Basic Bible Study**





## TERRY, Anna

### TMI: Teaching Grades 1-3



Greetings, I am a member of the Church of Christ in Colonial Village serving in several Ministries, alongside my husband Brother Robert Terry; together we enjoy serving in the in the Kingdom, travelling, our children, grandchildren and family. My goal is to be a Blessing to others in all that I undertake in this journey of life and live a life that truly exemplifies love.

As a Licensed Educator an Adjunct Faculty, and currently a Curriculum Specialist I work closely in supporting teachers. My goal is to be a Blessing to others in all that I undertake in this journey of life and live a life that truly exemplifies love. I was Blessed in 2019 to

be awarded the Terri Lynne Lokoff National Child Care Teachers Award.

I wrote an article *'Is Teaching Based on Competence or Intuition and how does this fit in with the Common Core Standards?'* Published in National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. *Spring 2015* Krinon Publication. Later In 2021 another one of my articles, *'Supporting Social Emotional Learning in a Virtual Reality'* was again published in the NSPDK, Inc. *Spring 2021* Krinon Publication.

I strongly believe in giving back to the community and currently serve as Treasurer for the Black Child Development Institute Chicago Metro Affiliate. A member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. Mu Chapter Chicago; as the College division Advisor; on the board of Family Affair Initiative Inc. supporting higher education. Recently I co-founded Sunlight Foundation NFP. an organization striving to reach out to empower individuals and families impacted by homelessness and chronic diseases.

One of my favorite scriptures is Psalms 51: 1-15 verse 10 is my daily prayer *"Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me."*



## THOMPSON, Steven Sr.

### TM5: Teaching Methods for Teaching Adults



Dr. Steven N. Thompson's style of teaching and preaching is biblically centered and biblically based, that has provided him with a special identification in our national brotherhood. His style is simple, digestible and purges the hearts of those that listen to him.

His vision has ignited a fiery flame in both young and old as he seeks to stir their spiritual imagination. Educationally, he entered the Southwestern Christian College in 1975, graduating in 1978 with a desire to further his education. Later Steven enrolled in the University of Dallas; Dallas Texas as he sought a deeper structured education as would enhance future.

His longevity in the ministry for more than 40 years made a provocative impact upon the congregations he served: Martin, TN, Youngstown, OH, and presently serving the Central Church of Christ for the past 39 years in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These congregations with whom he labored with received a greater depth and higher level of understanding the scriptures.

Steven is a family man who is the fourth son of the late James H. Thompson of Memphis, Tennessee, who also was a Gospel Preacher. Steven was born April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1958 in Asheville, North Carolina to the union of James H. & Helen L. Thompson (both deceased). Steven was married to Deborah A. Thompson (deceased in 2008) and they have three children, LaTasha, Steven II and Chuncey. Steven was blessed to have found love twice. In August of 2018 Steven married his second wife Leisa L. Tatum.

Some of Dr. Thompson's civic involvements include being the former President of the Broad and Interim Director of Milwaukee Careers Cooperative, a non-profit employment agency which provides both temporary and permanent job opportunities to the disadvantaged people in the inner city.

Furthermore, Dr. Thompson has dealt with many problematic situations that has permeated and plagued communities throughout the inner city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For the past 39 years, he has been the *VOICE* of the Milwaukee Metropolitan area every Sunday morning at 11:00am via Central's live radio broadcast on WJYI/JOY1340AM & 98.7FM, "The Power of The Gospel", reaching over 600,000 listeners. His preaching method is simply to tell the story of Jesus in a practical manner to practical people, and to practice the story He tells.



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Acts 15:7, Romans 10:10
- 3rd **REPENT** of all past sins  
Luke 13:3, Mark 6:12
- 4th **CONFESS** Jesus Christ  
Matt. 10:32, Acts 8:37
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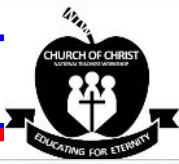
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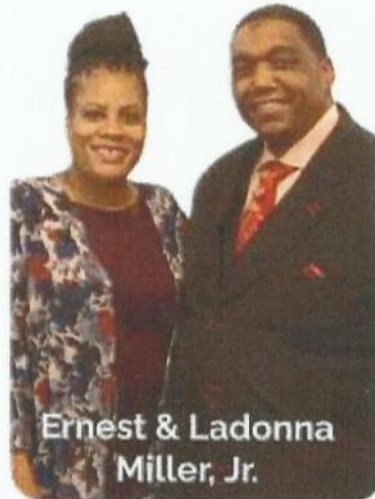
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