



Class of **2024**
GRADUATION
celebration

JUNE 1 • 12PM
2550 Clifton Springs Rd • Decatur, GA 30034

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional

Mistress of Ceremony Pastor Zandra L. McDonald, Ph.D.

Welcome Micah Reeves

Message of Affirmation Minister Darius Jones, Masters of Education in Early Childhood

Selection: I Will Jason Reaves

Introduction of Speaker Pastor Zandra L. McDonald, Ph.D.

Graduate Remarks Willie Gardner, II

Introduction of Speaker Pamela Reaves, Masters in Education

Graduate Remarks Micah Reaves, Shiloh High School

Introduction of Speaker Minister Jasmine Gholston, Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Graduate Remarks Joshua C. Miller, Arabia Mountain High School

Introduction of Speaker Minister Sheronn Williams, Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership

Graduate Remarks Robert L. Miller, IV, Alcovy High School

Spoken Word Joshua P. Jamison, Joshua C. Miller, Robert L. Miller, IV

Video Presentation

Introduction of Speaker Pastor Zandra L. McDonald, Ph.D.

Salutatorian Speech Jason Reaves, Shiloh High School, GPA 3.6

Introduction of Speaker Pastor Tyrell J. Murray, MBA in Executive Leadership and Management

Valedictorian Speech Joshua P. Jamison, Heritage High School, GPA 4.1

Introduction of Speaker Pastor Zandra L. McDonald, Ph.D.

Graduate Remarks Marg Riggins, Bachelor of Science in Sociology & Master of Science in Sociology

Introduction of Speaker Elder Donna Williams, Honorary Doctorate in Music

Graduate Remarks Angel Reynolds, Masters of Urban Education

Introduction of Speaker Minister Phalan Taylor

Graduate Remarks Minister Rosalind Smith, Doctorate of Education in Community Care and Counseling: Traumatology

Acknowledgement of Awards, Honors, Scholarships, and College Acceptance Elder Francys Brock

Commencement Speaker Pastor Vaughn T. Jamison, I, Bachelors of Arts in Religion

Conferring of Diplomas

Presentation of the Class of 2024

Recessional



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Pastor Vaughn T. Jamison, I

Pastor Vaughn T. Jamison, I, was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. He is one of eleven children born to Mrs. Seretha Jamison and the late Dr. Billie Jamison. In 1999, Pastor Jamison relocated to Atlanta, GA to pursue his undergraduate degree from the prestigious Morehouse College, where he received his Bachelor's of Arts in Religion. He is married to his college sweetheart, the former Takeya Davison (Spelman College) of Macon, GA, and they are the proud parents of Vaughn II, Joshua, Gabrielle, and Kevin. Pastor Jamison has a unique mixture of private/public utility leadership and municipal experience that has spanned over 20 years. He also serves as an Associate Pastor at New Life Cathedral International Family Church under the leadership of Apostle Jeronn C. Williams, I. Vaughn has devoted over 15 years to youth mentorship with several community organizations with the mantra, "pour into them now, so that you don't have to cry over them later!" Pastor Jamison's life is a testament to the transformative power of faith and the unwavering determination to live out God's purpose. As he continues to walk in faith, Pastor Jamison seeks to empower a generation to stand on the shoulders of its progenitors and the standard of their God!

AFFIRMATION SPEAKER

Min. Darius M. Jones

Darius Jones was born and raised in his hometown of Charleston, West Virginia in March of 1994. He was born to Ms. Tara Whitestone and Mr. Donnie Jones. In August of 2008, Darius and his family relocated to Fayetteville, Ga where he attended and graduated from Fayette County High School. Later he continued his education at the University of West Georgia where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. This accomplishment was preceded by a childhood dream to become a teacher, a role in which Darius still serves today. In 2019 he earned a Master of Education in Early Childhood from Augusta University. He believes that education is the doorway to opportunities, and he religiously encourages his students to go as far as life will allow and dream big. He understands that life is designed to present us with obstacles, but he believes wholeheartedly that we are built to overcome them. One of Darius's favorite quotes by Nelson Mandela says, "It always seems impossible, until its done." This quote has encouraged Darius through many of his own obstacles and serves as a reminder that while the process may be tough, the end goal is attainable. Darius is privileged to serve in many capacities both in his career and in ministry. As an educator, one of the things he enjoys most in being able to make a positive impact in the lives of his students. Darius prides himself on building connections with students and believes once a positive connection is made, the learning can happen. In ministry, he faithfully serves as an ordained minister and leads the music department of New Life Cathedral International Family Church under the leadership of Apostle Jeronn C. Williams, I. His love for God is the bedrock to his passion. Weekly he renders his voice in song and is committed to seeing worshippers impacted by a move of God. Darius has been blessed throughout his life with many accomplishments. In 2019, he earned a STEM certification, in 2023 he started his own interior decorating business, DMarkel Interiors, and in 2024 was recognized as Teacher of the Year by his local school for the 2024-2025 school year. He attributes success to God and a host of support and looks forward to achieving more.

ALCOVY HIGH SCHOOL

Vision Statement

"All students will be well-rounded and prepared for the future."

Mission Statement

"The mission of the Newton County School System is to provide educational excellence for all students."

Belief Statements

- Students are our first priority;
- Our principals and teachers make the critical difference in student achievement;
- Respectful partnerships among students, staff, parents, and the community are integral to student success;
- All students and staff deserve a safe, positive, and supportive environment;
- Success is based on high expectations for our students, parents, and school system staff;
- Lifelong learning is essential in a diverse and changing world.

About Alcovy

Alcovy High School opened to serve grades 9-12 in the 2006-2007 school year. The school was built to relieve the population of Newton High School and Eastside High School. The school was built with 82 classrooms, and it has room to accommodate up to 2,500 students.

The class schedule originally was six periods. In 2009, the Newton County School System changed all high schools to a four-block schedule. In 2011, it changed all high schools to a six-period schedule, which changed graduation credit requirements starting with the class of 2012. In 2008, the school added classrooms and a Ninth Grade Academy, which opened in the fall of 2010. The class of 2014 was the first to use it.

In 2010, the school was rezoned and students from Newton High School were transferred to Alcovy so that the school system could change Newton into housing for STEM students going to the career academy in 2013. Another building was added for Newton.

Alcovy's first graduating class was the class of 2007.

In 2009, Alcovy High served as a filming location for Rob Zombie's Halloween II, as the exterior of a hospital.

In 2011, the school hosted WAGA-TV's "High Five Field Trip" on the Fox 5 Morning News.

For the 2021 - 2022 School Year Alcovy High School was named "Advanced Placement (AP) Honor School by Georgia School Superintendent Richard Woods."



ARABIA MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL

Vision

The vision for Arabia Mountain High School is to create a nationally recognized school of excellence with students who excel and compete on all levels to be successful in a rapidly changing world by creating stability, significance, opportunities, and traditions.

Mission

The mission for Arabia Mountain High School is to engage students in active learning and service through instruction using the school and community as a context for developing understanding of human and environmental interactions while preparing leaders for involved citizenship in a changing world.

About

- Our building is LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified.
- We are an EIC Model School.
- We provide an environmental, energy and engineering magnet program for grades 9-12.
- Our instructional program provides a strong college preparatory, career-oriented foundation.
- We infuse the instructional program with parent and student support through parental involvement tasks and service learning for students.
- Our students wear uniforms to build a more structured culture.
- Our outdoor classrooms are located in the adjacent Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve.
- Our students must apply and be accepted for admittance based on academic standing.
- Our Mascot: Rams
- Our Alma Mater: "Arabia Mountain High" by Lawrence D. Robinson
- 2022-2023 enrollment: approximately 1,200 students



ATLANTA METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE

Mission Statement

Atlanta Metropolitan State College, an access institution of the University System of Georgia, educates students from diverse backgrounds by providing affordable, career-focused bachelor's and associate degree programs. The College offers student-centered instruction, civic/community engagement, and quality services that lead to the success of its inter-generational 21st century graduates.

History

In June 1965, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia authorized a junior college for the west metropolitan area of Atlanta at an undesignated location. After a great deal of discussion, the Atlanta School Board and the Board of Regents made the decision to build the College on land adjacent to Atlanta Area Technical School, which was under the jurisdiction of the Atlanta Board of Education.

The Atlanta School Board authorized their Superintendent in February 1971 to develop a financial plan to build the new college. On October 9, 1972, the Board of Regents reconfirmed, in principle, the construction of the college. In February 1973, the Board of Regents authorized the plans and specifications for Phase I of the construction at a projected cost of \$2,000,000. Construction began on the first building in 1973 and was completed in August 1974.

The College became the thirty-first institution of the University System of Georgia and began classes in September 1974 with an initial enrollment of 504 students. The College, Atlanta Junior College, was accredited in 1976 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). During the 1976-77 academic year, construction of the Central Energy Plant was completed. In 1978-79 two multi-level academic buildings were added to the resources of the College: an academic classroom building and the College library. The 1987-1988 academic year brought the decision to change the institution's name from Atlanta Junior College to Atlanta Metropolitan College (AMC), with the permanent transition becoming effective July 1, 1988. A new Health and Physical Education Complex was completed and occupied during the 1991-92 academic year. Additionally, the Student Center was completed during the fall 2000 semester. Fall 2009, Atlanta Metropolitan College opened its first instructional site at 34 Peachtree. On May 10, 2011, the Board of Regents approved a substantive and mission change for Atlanta Metropolitan College to move from Two-year college status to that of a State College. In its December 2011 annual meeting, SACS followed this action by approving an AMSC status change from a Level I to Level II institution, which authorized Atlanta Metropolitan State College to offer four-year programs and the bachelor's degree. In spring 2012, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved the name change of Atlanta Metropolitan College to that of Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC). Organizational Structure Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) has four academic divisions: (1) Business and Computer Science, (2) Humanities and Fine Arts, (3) Science, Math, and Health Professions, and (4) Social Sciences. Each division is headed by a Dean, who, with the assistance of department heads, is responsible for the administration and management of the academic divisions. Deans report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, who in turn reports to the President of the College. There are also five Vice Presidents (VPs) of the College, one for each of the following areas: (1) Academic Affairs, (2) Fiscal Affairs, (3) Development & External Affairs (4) Institutional Effectiveness, (4), and (5) Student Affairs.



DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY



Our Vision

Davenport aspires to be renowned as a quality institution of higher education that understands the market better than any other institution. We strive to apply that understanding to our programs and teaching, preparing Davenport and its graduates to exceed employer expectations, transform communities, and change lives by believing that every person can achieve his or her dream.

Our Mission

Davenport University prepares and transforms students to achieve the highest levels of academic performance, leading them to excel and advance in their chosen fields in the 21st century.

Our Values

Davenport University's Values represent the behavioral expectations of our faculty, staff, and students in performing their responsibilities and achieving their goals. These values are represented through STAIR.

Serving with Quality

Trustworthiness

Accountability

Innovation and creativity

Respect and Inclusion

Recognized for excellence

Since opening its doors in 1866 with a class of 16 students, Davenport University has grown into the second-largest private, nonprofit college or university in Michigan, serving more than 6,000 students. To this day, our career-oriented education empowers students to make meaningful contributions through rewarding careers. Throughout the decades, we've welcomed students from around the globe, expanded our academic offerings and celebrated significant milestones in diversity, rankings and successful outcomes. We are proud to be nationally recognized by well-respected national publications and educational organizations.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Vision

As Louisiana's flagship university, LSU will deploy the knowledge generated through the work of our faculty, staff, and students to build a more healthy, prosperous, and secure future for the state.

Mission

Designated as a Land, Sea, and Space Grant institution, LSU secures, elevates, and advances Louisiana and the world through the generation, preservation, dissemination, and application of knowledge and cultivation of the arts and develops students who are prepared, confident, and inspired to achieve lifelong success. LSU isn't just an institution of higher education. We are a community and a culture. Through learning, research, and community engagement, we are dedicated to changing lives, whether it's a student in the classroom or the citizens of Louisiana and the world. LSU's fierce drive for excellence is rooted in our mission to impact and serve Louisiana—providing pathways to higher learning, addressing critical problems through ground-breaking research and discovery, and bettering the lives of citizens in every parish. Louisiana is at the center of many of our nation's core challenges and opportunities because of our geography, culture, and economy. LSU—through the collaborative teamwork of all of our campuses—will create solutions essential to the future of our state and nation. Our vision is aspirational, and we embrace the responsibility of ascending to our potential. In service to our state, LSU is committed to achieving excellence in all areas—for our students' success and to elevate Louisiana for the benefit of all.



LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE



Our Mission

The mission of Morehouse College is to develop men with disciplined minds who will lead lives of leadership and service. A private historically black liberal arts college for men, Morehouse realizes this mission by emphasizing the intellectual and character development of its students. In addition, the College assumes special responsibility for teaching the history and culture of black people. For over 150 years, we have prepared young men to change the world through leadership and service—driven by innovation, technology, global cultural dexterity, and a liberal arts foundation of knowledge. There is a world of universities and professions to choose from. Today, Black men have access to them all. But since 1867, many of the best and brightest have chosen an HBCU in Atlanta, Morehouse. Our 66-acre campus southwest of downtown Atlanta is home to more than 2,200 students preparing to make their mark on the world.

Accreditation

Educational accreditation is the quality assurance process by which higher education institutions and programs are evaluated by outside accrediting associations. These agencies develop evaluation criteria and conduct evaluations by groups of peers to see whether a school meets their criteria. The United States has six regional accreditation associations plus many other national accreditors for faith-based and career-oriented schools and for other specialized and professional programs. In contrast to other countries where quality assurance is conducted by governmental ministries, in the United States, this process is independent and peer-based except that accreditation by a government-approved agency is required to obtain federal financial aid. Morehouse College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate degrees. Morehouse received reaffirmation of accreditation in 2019. The next reaffirmation is scheduled for 2029. The Accreditation Liaison is Dr. Kendrick Brown. Morehouse is also accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. The Division of Business and Economics is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). The Department of Chemistry is on the list of approved programs of the American Chemical Society. Morehouse College also holds memberships to the following organizations:

American Association of Higher Education
American Council on Education
National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

ROCKDALE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Vision

The vision of Rockdale County High School is to create an environment that maintains a standard of excellence by maximizing student potential.

Mission

The mission of Rockdale County High School is to support students' academic, social, and emotional growth to become active, responsible citizens.

About

Rockdale County High School is located in the heart of Conyers, Georgia, United States, in the old-town district. RCHS is one of three high schools located in Rockdale County, along with Heritage High School and Salem High School. RCHS formerly hosted the Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology on its campus before they moved to the CJ Hicks Elementary School complex. The school's mascot is the Bulldog. Approximately 2,100 students are enrolled.





SHILOH HIGH SCHOOL ALMA MATER

Our Mission

Relentlessly pursue high-level teaching and learning with a global perspective for all students and staff.

Our Vision

Shiloh High School will become a world-class school where Students Acquire a Lifelong Understanding Through Education with a global perspective to excel in college and careers.

We believe in

- o A complete world-class educational program which is consistent with local, state, national and global goals.
- o A safe environment that promotes academic, personal, social and physical excellence
- o The Shiloh community's shared responsibility for educational advancement
- o Respect for personal and cultural diversity
- o Instruction and curriculum which include a variety of activities because students are unique individuals with different learning styles
- o Students being actively engaged in meaningful learning in order to become productive citizens

STRAYER UNIVERSITY

Mission

Through Strayer University's innovative approach to an exceptional educational experience and our commitment to student success, we empower our students to achieve their personal and professional aspirations.

Values

We provide affordable post-secondary educational opportunities to a diverse population of eligible learners using multiple modalities and flexible approaches that enable students to earn credentials and degrees.

About

Strayer University is a private for-profit university headquartered in Washington, D.C. It was founded in 1892 as Strayer's Business College and later became Strayer College, before being granted university status in 1998. Strayer University operates under the holding company Strategic Education, Inc. (Nasdaq: STRA), which was established in 1996 and rebranded in 2018 following its merger with Capella University. Strayer's principal aim is to provide higher education to working adult students. Strayer University's academic programs include undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The courses are business-focused, including courses in business administration and information technology. Degrees can be earned in subjects such as accounting, business administration, criminal justice, education, health services administration, human resource management, information technology and public administration.

Strayer University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, one of the six regional accrediting bodies recognized by the Department of Education.

The Jack Welch Management Institute, named after Jack Welch, former chief executive officer of General Electric, was acquired by Strayer University in 2011 following Welch's retirement from GE. The institute offers executive MBA degrees and executive certificates covering business-related topics. In September 2016, it was announced that the Jack Welch Management Institute was ranked on Princeton Review's list of Top 25 Online MBA Programs of 2017.



CEDAR GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

Mission

We strive to educate the whole child, maintaining high academic standards with respect for all learners. As a school community, we aspire to provide a safe environment in which teaching, and learning are at high levels while enhancing stakeholder engagement.

Vision

To develop well rounded, confident, and responsible individuals who aspire to achieve their full potential.

About Us

Cedar Grove High School is located in south DeKalb County at 2360 River Road, Ellenwood, Georgia 30294. Cedar Grove High opened in the fall of 1972 with an enrollment of 512 students. Located in rural South DeKalb County, the enrollment has fluctuated over the years with the development of the surrounding area. In 1993, with the resurgence of housing developments in the area, enrollment began to increase by large increments.

The mission of Cedar Grove High School is we strive to educate the whole child, maintaining high academic standards with respect for all learners. As a school community, we aspire to provide a safe environment in which teaching, and learning are at high levels while enhancing stakeholder engagement. The goal of Cedar Grove High School is to be one of the top achieving schools in the DeKalb County School District.

CGHS is the home of the Marching Saints!



ACADEMIC HONORS SOCIETIES

NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

The National English Honor Society (NEHS), founded and sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, is the only international organization exclusively for high school students and faculty who, in the field of English, merit special note for past and current accomplishments. Individual high schools are invited to petition for a local chapter, through which individuals may be inducted into Society membership. Immediate benefits of affiliation include international recognition, scholarship eligibility, and opportunities for international networking with others who share enthusiasm for, and accomplishment in, the language arts. Eventually NEHS will hold conferences and provide ways to link NEHS with other honor societies and with organizations related to the field of English.

The mission of NEHS is to:

- confer national distinction upon secondary school students for high achievement in the English language arts;
- build a national community of academic achievers;
- provide, through local chapters, cultural stimulation in high school environments;
- encourage interest in the English language arts; and
- serve society by fostering literacy

<http://www.nehs.us/about/index.shtml>

<http://www.nehs.us/pdf/14-nehs-membershipbrochure.pdf>

NATIONAL BETA CLUB

National Beta Club is the largest independent, non-profit, educational youth organization in America. And for more than 80 years, it has prepared today's students to be tomorrow's leaders.

Requirements

Maintain a weighted 3.3 G.P.A.

Show credible character.

Demonstrate leadership.

Serve the community.

Complete 20 hours of community service. The community service must be documented and approved by club sponsor.

Students must submit documented community service sheet before or on stated deadlines. See the contract.

Mission Statement

To promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership among elementary and secondary school students.

Achievement - Recognizing and honoring high academic achievement

Character - Preparing young people for life and empowering them to be successful

Leadership - Developing the leaders of tomorrow

Service - Demonstrating our motto: Let Us Lead by Serving Others

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Students in grades 10–12 who meet the requirements for membership outlined by their school's chapter are eligible to be invited for membership.

Each chapter is required to publish its qualifications for membership, which is based on the four pillars of NHS:

Scholarship

Per national guidelines, at a minimum, students must have a cumulative GPA of 85, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence. (Each school chapter is allowed to require a higher cumulative GPA.)

Service

This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation.

Leadership

Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

Character

The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally, maintains a clean disciplinary record.

Students who meet the scholarship requirement will have an opportunity to complete a form detailing their accomplishments in and commitment to service, leadership, and character.

NATIONAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY

The Science National Honor Society is an academic honor society focused on science for high school students within the United States. The goal of the society is to encourage and recognize scientific and intellectual thought. This is done by helping in the advancement of knowledge in classical and modern fields of science.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) is for students aged 11–16. The MYP is a challenging framework that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world. The MYP is a five-year programme, which can be implemented in a partnership between schools, or in several abbreviated (two, three or four year) formats. Students who complete the MYP are well-prepared to undertake the IB Diploma Programme (DP) or Career-related Programme (CP).

The MYP requires at least 50 hours of teaching time for each subject group in each year of the programme. In years 4 and 5, students have the option to take courses from six of the eight subject groups within certain limits, to provide greater flexibility in meeting local requirements and individual student learning needs.

Each year, students in the MYP also engage in at least one collaboratively planned interdisciplinary unit that involves at least two subject groups. MYP students also complete a long-term project, where they decide what they want to learn about, identify what they already know, discovering what they will need to know to complete the project, and create a proposal or criteria for completing it.

PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLAR

Earning and maintaining a numeric grade average of 93 or above

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Earning and maintaining a numeric grade average of 92 or above

CUM LAUDE

"With distinction," typically 3.5–3.6 GPA or top 16–35% of class

DEAN'S LIST

The Dean's List is an award for students in colleges across the United States to recognize the highest level of academic achievement, based on a student's grade point average (GPA).

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

"With great distinction," typically 3.7–3.8 GPA or top 6–15% of class

SUMA CUM LAUDE

"With highest honor," typically 3.9–4.0 GPA or top 1–5% of class

NEW LIFE CATHEDRAL INTERNATIONAL FAMILY CHURCH

History

New Life Cathedral IFC was birthed April 4, 1999 at 3:00 pm in the New Bethesda Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Much prayer, preparation and planning produced an awesome move of God wherein our Pastor and Founder, Jeronn C. Williams, preached “Lord, Build This House” and 24 people joined on opening day. In April of 2000, God opened the door for New Life to move to the Greater New Hope Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Here, God continued to add to the church.

Our membership grew to over 135 members, we added our Friday night “Healing, Deliverance, and Breakthrough” service, and conducted our first baptism service where over 20 people were taken to the water. In January of 2001, God opened the door for New Life to move to the Church of Greater Works International in Atlanta, Georgia. and in September of 2002, God opened the door for New Life to move to Trinity Baptist Church in Ellenwood, Georgia.

In December of 2004, God opened another door for us to have our own church building in Decatur, Georgia. We are believing God for greater and stand in the position to “build a people and serve the whole man.” To that end, we will continue to press forward, following our Pastor and Founder as he follows Christ. We engage therefore to be a Christ-Centered, Bible-Based, Community-Involved, Family-Oriented, and Well-Balanced Church. We declare that if God be for us, who can be against us!

Vision

New Life Cathedral IFC will engage and exemplify to be a Christ-Centered, Bible-Based, Family-Oriented, Community-Involved, well-balanced Ministry; a cutting edge Apostolic and prophetic training center providing salvation, healing and deliverance, relevance in kingdom presentation, righteousness in kingdom standards, and relentlessness in kingdom advancement through anointed worship, powerful teaching and preaching, and intense training.

Mission

The mission of New Life Cathedral IFC is “Building A People... Serving the Whole Man.” This is to be accomplished through intense bible teaching and preaching, relevant workshops and seminars, retreats and conferences; powerful worship experiences and encounters; effective in-reach, outreach and service-oriented ministries; and developmental youth programs and events.



Building a people
SERVING the
Whole MAN.

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GREETINGS

Distinguished Class of 2024!

It is an utter privilege to extend congratulatory remarks for the phenomenal achievement of your successful matriculation to your high school and college graduations! I know that there were many obstacles that crossed your paths to serve as stumbling blocks to get you to give up. You stressed over exams and papers, sometimes wondering if you were going to make it. And yet, here we are celebrating your magnanimous accomplishment, completion of another level! You faced adversities that caused others to give in, but you overcame them triumphantly. Which proves, you are unbreakable! There is greatness within you which will cause you to not only produce greatness, but you are the epitome of greatness, because the Great One lives in you. As you continue your journey in life, never be afraid of challenges that you will face. Do not become discouraged in difficulty, because you will win! You will neither lose nor fail because failure is not a part of your DNA. I am godly proud of you and look forward to your many accomplishments in all of your future endeavors.

Yours in His Service,

Pastor Zandra L. McDonald, Ph.D.

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Youth Pastor, New Life Cathedral IFC



DEAREST

Graduates,

I greet you Godly proud and spiritually excited of all that you have accomplished and for all that is possible for you! God is pleased, your parents are overjoyed, your church is proud, and you should be living this day in full.

You have conquered, overcome, endured, and stood strong in order to make it to this success mile marker in your life. And because you did, now you know you can! The worst is behind you and the best is yet to come! You met the impossible and conquered it. You met the insurmountable and overcame it. You met the painful and endured it. You met the destructive and remained standing through it. You have grown tall enough to wear this crown of achievement! You deserve great celebration.

I admonish you in this moment, don't get tired of growing. Don't get sick of learning. Do not get frustrated with progressing. It will seem lethargic, endless, insatiable, and slow sometimes but keep pressing. Keep pushing. Life will deal you situations and circumstances that you never imagined having to face. But nothing will ever come to you that you are not equipped to conquer! So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit, it's when things seem worse that you must not quit! Stay with God! Maintain your relationship with him no matter what! Love for him all the days of your life! Praise him through it all! And you will find yourself over and over again in this place, looking back and saying I MADE IT by the grace of God!!

You are now a step closer to the accomplishment of your desires. You are now a step closer to the fulfillment of your dreams. Keep moving forward! We support you, stand behind you, and cover you! It will not be easy, but it will be worth it! May heaven smile on you this day and show you supernatural love and peace!

In His Service,

Apostle Jeronn C. Williams, Ph.D.

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Pastor & Founder, New Life Cathedral IFC



ABOUT OUR LEADER

Apostle Jeronn C. Williams, I, Ph.D.

Senior Pastor and Founder of New Life Cathedral IFC

A Detroit native, Dr. Jeronn C. Williams, I, is a graduate of the prestigious Morehouse College and Tabernacle Bible College & Seminary, the senior pastor and founder of the New Life Cathedral IFC, the presiding bishop of the Breath of Life Fellowship, the chancellor of Sharing Life Bible College & Seminary, and the proprietor of JCWilliams Ministries. He is the proud father of his namesake, Jeronn Cordell, II.

Spoken into existence by the late Apostle Arturo Skinner, developed under the teachings of the late Apostle Charles O. Miles, ordained to the pastorate by the late Apostle Lobias Murray, divinely inspired by the rich revelatory preaching of the late Apostle Richard D. Henton, consecrated bishop by Archbishop Lawrence Langston, and also affirmed Apostle General by Archbishop Lawrence Langston; Apostle Williams is commissioned to restore order according to God's original intent and purpose through breakthrough, healing, and deliverance. He is mandated to preach a relevant Word from God with the demonstration of signs, wonders, and miracles.

With a heart to serve and a tenacious spirit, Apostle Jeronn C. Williams, I, and the New Life Cathedral IFC are determined to reach the harvest of souls throughout this world in the endeavors of Building a People...Serving the Whole Man.



SHAMEKIA COSBY



COILEAN DANSBY



WILLIE GARDNER



JOSHUA JAMISON



ROBERT MILLER, IV



JOSHUA MILLER



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Shamekia Cosby

Shamekia Shante Cosby's life story is a testament to resilience, determination, and the power of perseverance. Born on July 24, 1985, she entered the world facing adversity, abandoned by her biological parents at birth. Fortunately, fate intervened, and she was welcomed into the loving arms of Gladys and Willie Harper Sr, who adopted her along with her brothers, providing a stable and nurturing home environment. Growing up, Shamekia was deeply rooted in her faith, spending much of her time attending church with her aunt and grandmother, earning her the nickname "the little church girl" from her siblings. Despite being raised in a large family of nine children, she stood out for her commitment to her spiritual upbringing and dedication to her studies. After graduating from South West Dekalb High School in 2003, Shamekia initially chose to enter the workforce rather than pursue further education. However, recognizing the importance of academic achievement for herself and her family's future, she later enrolled in the United Education Institute for Medical Billing and Insurance Coding, taking the first step towards her educational goals. Shamekia's journey took a significant turn in 2018 when she made the decision to return to school, this time pursuing an Associate's degree in Business Administration. Despite the challenges of balancing her studies with two jobs - working as a housekeeper at Red Roof during the day and at JCPenney's warehouse overnight - she remained steadfast in her determination to create a better life for her four children. However, life threw her another curveball when her father fell ill with cancer, requiring Shamekia to take on the role of his primary caregiver. Despite the added responsibilities, she persevered, continuing her education while juggling caregiving duties and supporting her family. Even on the busiest days, she found innovative ways to stay on top of her studies, including hosting class presentations on the side of the highway during her daily commute. In June 2023, Shamekia's dedication paid off when she secured a job as an Executive Administrator at New Millum Technical Resources, aligning with her field of study. This opportunity not only provided financial stability but also allowed her the flexibility to prioritize her family and academic pursuits, working from home and maintaining a semblance of work-life balance. Tragically, amidst her professional and academic achievements, Shamekia faced profound personal loss with the passing of her beloved aunt on January 2, 2024, followed closely by her father's demise on January 31, 2024. Despite the heartache and the challenges of grief, Shamekia remained resilient, summoning the strength to persevere and complete her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a GPA of 3.875, graduating Magna Cum Laude, Honors Society, The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Member, and Golden Key International Honors Society Member. Throughout her journey, Shamekia's unwavering determination to provide a better life for her family and lead by example for her children and extended family has been her driving force. Her story serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration, reminding us all of the power of resilience, faith, and the indomitable human spirit in the face of adversity.

Coilean Dansby

Coilean Dansby is a dynamic professional, juggling roles as a devoted mother, financial and executive administrator, student, entrepreneur, and licensed real estate agent. Raised across different regions in the United States, she developed a deep understanding and empathy for individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds and socioeconomic statuses. As the fifth of six children born to Chrystal and James Dansby Sr., Coilean learned the value of perseverance early in life, overcoming medical challenges with resilience and determination. Her journey was further enriched by her daughter, Ariyana, whom she raised as a single parent, and who stands as one of her greatest accomplishments. Driven by her passion for learning, Coilean pursued her education, successfully earning an associate degree in Business Administration from Atlanta Metropolitan State College in July 2023. She continues her academic journey, working towards her bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in financial technology. Since April 2005, Coilean has been a dedicated member of New Life Cathedral International Family Church, under the guidance of Apostle Jeronn C. Williams, serving in various roles, including the Praise Team, Choir, Finance Team, and executive administrator. With over 13 years of experience in the accounting department of a prominent gas and retail corporation, she has honed her leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills. Transitioning to real estate entrepreneurship in 2023, Coilean established "Built for Me LLC," aiming to provide residential housing and financing solutions to a diverse clientele. Passionate about empowering others to achieve their housing goals, she achieved her Georgia real estate license in January 2024 with plans to expand her investment portfolio and develop her own real estate company. When not focused on her professional pursuits, Coilean enjoys writing, music, travel, and spending quality time with her family. Her personal motto, "if you're still breathing, it's not too late to live out your dreams," reflects her optimistic outlook and unwavering determination to seize every opportunity.

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Willie Gardner, II

Willie E. Gardner, II was born in Saint Petersburg, Florida to Willie Gardner and Felicia Cosby on December 7, 2005. He relocated to Clearwater, Florida, and then to Atlanta in 2018 where he discovered a passion for playing football. He played football at Cedar Grove Middle School, and at Cedar Grove High School. It was at Cedar Grove High School that he was able to touch some of his heart's desires. He has always had a heart for football, Engineering, and Forensics Science. He graduated from Cedar Grove High School in 2024, desiring to pursue his education in Mechanical Engineering.

Joshua Jamison

Joshua Jamison, born in Lithonia, Georgia in 2005 to Vaughn & Takeya Jamison, is a dedicated student and leader. After relocating to Rockdale County in 2013 with his parents and three siblings (Vaughn II, Gabrielle and Kevin), Joshua continued to excel academically and actively participated in extracurricular activities. He was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Chess Club, BETA Club, Boys' Varsity Basketball Team and was a Student Ambassador, demonstrating his diverse interests and talents. Joshua is also a talented public speaker who first gained recognition in 2017 when he placed 3rd in the Rockdale Clerk of Courts Middle School Oratorical Competition. Building on his success, the following year, in 2018, Joshua clinched the top prize, winning 1st place in the same competition. As a persuasive leader, Joshua continues to hone his leadership and effective communication skills, as a peer-leader within the Righteous Seed Youth Ministry at New Life Cathedral International Family Church. In 2023, Joshua continued to showcase his commitment to his community by volunteering with Rockdale County Government's Chairman Oz Nesbitt, in his Annual Turkey Giveaway for Senior Citizens. Graduating from Rockdale County High School with a cumulative GPA of 4.1. Joshua's outstanding performance has earned him acceptance to several prestigious colleges and universities (Morehouse College, Howard University, Tuskegee University, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, Kennesaw State University, Augusta State University, Georgia State University and North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University), with multiple merit scholarship offerings totaling near \$500,000. He was also recognized by the President of the United States with the Gold President's Education Award for outstanding academic excellence. Joshua is a driven young man who has committed to furthering his education at Morehouse College (his father's alma mater) with a focus in Finance, starting in the fall of 2024. His dedication to academic excellence and leadership qualities has been recognized through the prestigious Dr. Michael L. Lomax Success Scholarship Award, which covers the full cost of his tuition, room, and board while at Morehouse College. Joshua remains perfectly positioned to make an indelible impression that will leave a lasting impact on the world stage. Joshua has decided to attend Morehouse College in the fall of 2024, where he was awarded the Dr. Michael L. Lomax Success Scholarship Award that we cover the full cost of tuition, room and board! Joshua intends to pursue a major in Finance. With his dedication, leadership, and academic achievements, Joshua is poised to make a significant impact in his chosen field and beyond.

Joshua Miller

Joshua Caiden Miller was born July 27, 2006 to Robert and LeShonn Miller. From an early age, Joshua has presented a tender, compassionate, yet soft-spoken heart. He was dedicated back to God at an early age, participating as a member of the youth choir and youth Mime ministry at New Life International Family Church. He was also a youth leader in Summer Camp and display leadership capabilities in every aspect of his life. Joshua excelled in school and took an interest in basketball at an early age. He played from Middle to high school, and still has an undying love for the sport. He has volunteered for Hosea Williams Feed the Hungry, and has been an active participant in the Raising Kings Mentorship Program, which was founded by his Father, Robert Miller, III. In his early teens, Joshua developed an interest in Audio Visual Technology, and has maintained a 3.0 grade point average in this field while attending Arabia Mountain High School. He is committed his talent and expertise to serving at his home church, Trinity Worship Center, on the Media team. He has served, and continues to serve faithfully in this capacity. Joshua has been accepted to, and has committed to attending Georgia Southern University where he will be majoring in Business Administration. He is excited to spread his wings, and is eager to share his love, leadership, and legacy wherever he goes.

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Jason Reaves

Jason Reaves is a Grammy- nominated, singer-songwriter, musician, and producer. All his life he loved playing music. At the age of nine, he and his brothers joined an organization called How Big is Your Dream which allowed them to focus on their passion for music. Since then, Jason has performed on many platforms and audiences here in Georgia. Throughout his high school years at Shiloh High School, Jason not only excelled academically with an overall GPA of 3.6 but also demonstrated his leadership skills as a section leader and vice president in the Shiloh Marching Brigade band. In 2023, Jason also had the honor of receiving a Grammy- nomination for best children's album for DJ Willy Wow featuring Under21 the Band. To further expand his passion for music, in the Fall of 2024, Jason plans to attend North Carolina Central University majoring in Music Industry with a band and academic scholarship.

Micah Reaves

Micah Reaves is a student athlete who is passionate about sports. Growing up, he loved playing football with his older brother. At the age of 9, he joined the Shiloh football team as a runner back and a wide receiver. In addition to sports, he also enjoyed playing the drums and performed in front of large and small platforms for the How Big is Your Dream Academy. Throughout his high school career at Shiloh High School, Micah would expand his love for sports by joining the track and wrestling team, all while managing an average GPA of 3.2 from 9th to 12th grade. In the fall of 2024, Micah plans to attend Savannah State University majoring in Homeland Security through the Hope scholarship.

Angel Reynolds

Angel Reynolds, a Detroit native, who located to Atlanta, GA to make her mark - recently graduated from Davenport University with a Masters of Urban Education with a cumulative GPA of a 3.5. Angel has served as a teacher in the public/charter school sectors for 6 years and is currently a 5th grade Reading Teacher with Kipp Metro Atlanta Schools. Angel's future pursuits is to one day become a principal, with a mission to advocate for all students of colors. Angel has been recognized as a Gold star teacher and her 5th grade reading class currently comes in 2nd place for the highest reading data in the Kipp Metro school district. Outside of her professional life, Angel is an entrepreneur, social media influencer, and minister at New Life Cathedral IFC where she serves as a leader on the women's ministry.

Rosalind Smith

Rosalind R. Smith was born in Donalds, SC to Bessie Lewis and Anthony (Wanda) Smith. She attended Dixie High School in Due West, SC ranked 4th out of 52 graduating students. She earned a partial academic scholarship to Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC graduating December 16, 1995, with a BS in Biology. In 2011, due to a career change, she obtained a Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from Strayer University graduating May 16, 2013 with a 3.4 GPA. Within 3 months of graduating, she began a Masters in Counseling from Liberty University completing the program in December 2016 with a 3.68 GPA. She became a Nationally Certified Counselor and Licensed Associate Professional Counselor. Rosalind completed her last academic degree on November 30, 2023, earning a Doctorate of Education in Community Care and Counseling: Traumatology finishing with a 3.78 GPA participating in the graduation ceremony May 10, 2024. The topic of her Dissertation was "A Phenomenological Study Of African-American Clergy's Experiences With Mental Health". Rosalind attributes her initial academic pursuits and successes to competing with her older brother who set the standard for academic excellence. In addition, she believes her love of reading, learning, and wanting to understand how pieces of the world operate in tandem keeps her continuously receptive to being taught. Rosalind believes she has been able to effectively intertwine the three areas of her degrees (science, business, and counseling) in all spheres of her life and influence. She desires to utilize her Doctoral Degree to become an adjunct professor as one of her passions is teaching and sharing knowledge. It is her desire to see EVERYONE prosper in all areas of their lives and it is her mission to love others unconditionally, serve them wholeheartedly, and extend the same grace to them as God has given to her.

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Robert Miller, IV

Robert Lee Miller, IV was born on September 22, 2005, to Robert and LeShonn Miller. He was dedicated back to God at an early age, participating in the Righteous Seed Youth Ministry at New Life International Family Church. He was a member of the youth choir and praise team, and the youth Mime ministry. He learned, at an early age, to play the drums, and currently uses his gift to glorify God. Robert has always had a love for basketball. He has been on the team since Middle School, and is an excellent defensive player. He also has a gift to run, and has excelled greatly on the track team. He has placed first in the 400, 800, and 1600-meter races. As his love for the sport increases, his greatness will be enhanced. He has volunteered for Hosea Williams Feed the Hungry, and has been an active participant in the Raising Kings Mentorship Program, which was founded by his Father, Robert Miller, III. Anyone who knows Robert can attest that he is your all around, favorite guy. His love for God, people and leadership capabilities toward the youth has impacted his life greatly. He currently uses his gift of being a percussionist for the Lord, where he serves faithfully as member and drummer for his home church, Trinity Worship Center. His love for music was evident at an early age, and has enhanced throughout the years. Robert is looking forward to pursuing both his basketball and track skills at one of the Georgia Universities in which he has been accepted, giving all glory to God.

Parrise Nesmith

Parrise Nesmith's journey is a testament to the power of faith, resilience, and a relentless pursuit of empowering others. She was born and raised most of her life in Rochester, New York, and moved to Atlanta, Georgia, during her early teen years. In Atlanta, Parrise found herself navigating a new environment, but it was here that she discovered her passion for empowering individuals, particularly in the realm of finance. Fueled by a desire to make a tangible difference in people's lives, she embarked on her academic journey at Point University. There, she earned both her Associates and Bachelor of Science degrees in Human Relations, laying the groundwork for her future endeavors. Undeterred by the challenges of academia, Parrise's thirst for knowledge and her commitment to her vision led her to pursue further education. She set her sights on Louisiana State University Shreveport, where she successfully completed her Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree, honing her skills and expertise in finance and management. Armed with a strong educational foundation and a burning passion for her calling, Parrise ventured into the world of entrepreneurship. Recognizing the transformative power of financial literacy, she established herself as a beacon of hope and guidance for those seeking to navigate the complexities of personal finance. Through her various ventures, she empowered countless individuals to take control of their financial futures, offering them the tools and knowledge they needed to thrive. Beyond her professional endeavors, Parrise's life is deeply rooted in her faith and her commitment to serving others. As a devoted mother to her son, Jeremiah Morris, she embodies the values of love, compassion, and sacrifice on a daily basis. Her dedication to her family serves as a source of inspiration and strength in all her endeavors. Parrise's spiritual journey has been equally impactful, as she found a home at New Life Cathedral International Family Church. Under the guidance of her pastor, Apostle J. C. Williams, she has embraced her role as a minister with fervor and dedication. In addition to her ministerial duties, Parrise is actively involved in various church ministries, including prayer, youth outreach, and the music department. Her commitment to serving others and spreading the message of hope and faith is evident in everything she does. Driven by her unwavering faith and fueled by her passion for empowering others, Parrise Nesmith continues to make a profound impact on the lives of those around her. Whether through her entrepreneurial ventures, her ministerial work, or her role as a loving mother, she remains steadfast in her commitment to fulfilling her divine purpose. In Parrise's world, the intersection of faith and finance is not just a vocation but a calling—a calling she embraces with open arms and a heart full of love.

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Marq Riggins

Marq Riggins began his matriculation at Morehouse College at the beginning of a global pandemic that had the world shut down. He didn't have a traditional high school graduation, but his church, New Life Cathedral IFC, made sure he and the other graduates had a celebration. Marq attended his first year at Morehouse College virtually. During that year he was on the Dean's List and the Honor Roll. Marq's Sophomore year was the first year on the campus of Morehouse College. Marq finished his sophomore year on the Honor Roll and was inducted into the Atlanta University Chapter of Sigma Alpha Pi - the National Society of Leadership and Success. Marq advocated and led the protest against the rise of unaddressed Sexual Assaults against women by former students at Morehouse College. During his Junior year Marq was inducted into the Morehouse Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta the International Honors Society of Sociology. Marq also applied and was accepted into the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship. As a Mellon Mays Fellow, Marq was able to complete the research and coursework needed to complete the requirements of a Masters Degree in Historical Sociology, before completing his bachelor's degree. During Marq's Junior year he also was on both the Honor Roll and the Dean's List. During his senior year, Marq made the decision to switch his major to Sociology, which was originally his minor and make History his minor. During Marq's senior year as a part of his Independent Study Courses, Marq was a guest lecturer and student teacher at every AUC member school. Marq also completed Directed Study, during his senior year, with his professor Dr. Taura Taylor with a goal of better shaping his theoretical perspectives on authority for the purposes of my research. Marq's ongoing research is a socio-historical and literary analysis of Slave Codes and Slave Testimonies in the United States through the lens of his proposed theory of Forcible Social Displacement. Marq's Scholarly and Professional Affiliations during his Senior Year:

Alpha Kappa Delta: International Honor Society of Sociology - President
Morehouse Adodi, Spelman Visionaries - Consultant
Student Intercommunal Coordinating Committee (SICC)
Research Assistant
Fellowships, Grants, and Awards
Mellon Mays Research Grant
UNCF Mellon Mays Fellowship Stipend

At the end of Marq's senior year, Marq was invited to present at The Georgia Sociological Association and the American Sociological Association. Marq's discussion on how many HBCU's leaders and professors including have been using strategies to maintain power dynamics on campus that were designed by white supremacist, ruffled a few feathers. Marq was told that he would not be able to participate in Commencement because the professor over Crown Forum would not finalize his grades from Freshman year. He would receive his degree in the Summer of 2024 instead as a compromise. Marq was instructed to request a formal degree audit, as he was a recipient of Federal Student Aid, State Scholarships and Institutional Scholarships. In addition to the Department Chair advocating for Marq, all of the Deans of Morehouse College advocated for Marq to not only participate in Commencement but also for his degree to be awarded Spring of 2024. April 19, 2024, at 3:43 pm Marq received an email confirming that he would be participating in the 140th Commencement of Morehouse College as a Spring 2024 Graduate. Marq will be continuing his studies at Yale: Graduate School of Arts and Science in the Emerging Scholars Initiative (ESI) Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program. Marq plans to finish his Ph.D. journey by the Summer of 2028.

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Elder Francys Brock

Francys Brock was born in Clearwater, Florida. Due to her parent's careers, Francys's family moved to several different states including Massachusetts, Ohio, Virginia, Ohio and North Carolina. Francys graduated with honors from Lucy C. Ragsdale high school in Jamestown, North Carolina.

Francys went on to attend Spelman College where she earned a B.A. in Spanish. While at Spelman, she was involved in several campus organizations including Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor society, Spanish Honor Society, Communities in Schools volunteer and New Life Inspirational Gospel Choir. She participated in two consecutive summer internships with Sara Lee Intimate Apparel working first in their sales and then in marketing. Francys also traveled internationally spending one summer volunteering in San Luis Potosi, Mexico and one semester in Spain studying at the University of Salamanca.

Upon graduating Francys began working as a teacher for Fulton County Schools. She completed her post baccalaureate teacher certification at the University of West GA. She also returned to Spain and completed graduate level coursework at the University of Salamanca. Francys currently teaches Spanish at Camp Creek Middle School where she also serves as World Languages department chair. She is married to Thomas Brock and has one daughter, Camille Brock.

Evangelist Treena Edwards

Treena Fletcher Edwards was born on September 8, 1977 as the third child to David and Ellen Fletcher. She graduated from Boyd Anderson High School in Fort Lauderdale, FL in 1995.

Eager to become a teacher just like her mother, she pursued and obtained her Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Technology Education from Florida A&M University in 1999. While in college, Treena gave her life to Christ and began serving as an usher and Sunday School teacher at Life Changers Church of God in Christ.

After graduation, she moved back to Fort Lauderdale, Florida and began teaching high school at the age of 21. Shortly thereafter, she got married, decided to pursue a Master's Degree, and start a family all within a three-year span. In 2001, she received a Master's Degree in Educational Technology from Nova Southeastern University in Hollywood, Florida. During that same year, she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy named Jordan Lamar Eaddy. Still teaching high school, she went on to give birth to Jaedon Ramon Eaddy in 2002, and Traven Jamar Eaddy in 2003.

In an effort to remain spiritually focused, Treena remained committed and dedicated to her spiritual life by serving in various capacities at her parent's church, Friendly Tabernacle Church of God in Christ. She served as a leader within the youth ministry, choir member, and church secretary. While serving the church, she remained dedicated as a teacher and sponsor of school organizations.

After many transitions, Treena and her boys ended up relocating to Atlanta, GA, where Treena began teaching elementary school. Seeking to be promoted, Treena decided to pursue another degree in Educational Administration at Clark Atlanta University in 2011.

In 2012, Treena married Levar Solomon Edwards, and received Levar Anthony Edwards as a prized wedding gift.

To date, Treena has been a public-school teacher for the last 21 years. Her accomplishments include preparing and assisting over 300 students in successfully acquiring their Microsoft Office Specialist Word Exam Certification, proudly counseling students in the area of college and career choices, and serving as the sponsor for various student organizations such as the Future Business Leaders of America and the Technology Student Association. Many of her students have placed in Regional and State Competitions, and traveled to overnight conferences. Because community service is especially important to Treena, she led the charge in having her students to raise money for and volunteer with the American Heart Association, and the March of Dimes organizations, amongst many others. Her students have held several events including a senior's senior prom at the local retirement home and a schoolwide Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

Not only has Treena served in the educational arena, but she has faithfully served as a volunteer Youth Director, leader, and teacher in several church organizations. She has wholeheartedly given of her time, gifts, and resources to help nurture and inspire the youth.

Surpassing all of her family and work accomplishments has been the reward of achieving greater spiritual levels. In 2019, Treena was elevated to the office of an Evangelist at New Life Family Church in Lithonia, GA. Treena believes that nothing in life is as important as having a right relationship with Jesus Christ.

Minister A. J. Hunter

Humbly surrendering his life to God at the innocent age of 8 years old, Minister Hunter quickly developed a passion for God, and the things of God. Becoming a licensed Minister at 16 years old, (under the tutelage of Bishop Dr. Jeronn C. Williams I. as well as Dr. Zandra McDonald,) he grew in leadership, integrity, and honor. His ultimate desire is to serve the Lord with gladness, and to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as the power of His Resurrection with a dying world by demonstrating the perfect, present, and prophetic love of God. Lastly, his determination to cultivate young "Prayer Champions" full of the anointing, wisdom, and grace, is a strong conviction and strategy given to him by God, which will help to empower believers both young and old, to re-present Christ in a relevant, powerful, and courageous way.

Pastor Vaughn T. Jamison, I

Vaughn T. Jamison, I, was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. He is one of eleven children born to Dr. Billie & Seretha Jamison. In 1999, Vaughn relocated to Atlanta, GA to pursue his undergraduate degree from the prestigious Morehouse College, where he received his Bachelors of Arts in Religion. He is pledged in life and love to his college sweetheart, the former Takeya Davison (Spelman College) of Macon, GA, and they are the proud parents of Vaughn II, Joshua, Gabrielle, and Kevin. Vaughn currently serves as an Associate Pastor at New Life International Family Church under the leadership of Bishop Dr. Jeronn C. Williams, I. With faith and determination, Vaughn is committed to live each day to glorify God through his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Zandra L. McDonald, PhD.

Dr. Zandra L. McDonald is a California native. She has more than 20 years of experience working with youth. She has been the Pastor of Youth for 14 years with New Life International Family Church. She has served as the Director for summer camp for nine years. She has more than 10 years of classroom teaching experience. She is currently the Lead Mentor Teacher at a Child Development Center. She spent four years as a Middle School Special Education Interrelated teacher with Cobb County Schools. She spent three years as a 2nd and 3rd grade teacher at a Christian Private school. She also served as a substitute teacher for KIPP schools in the metro-Atlanta area for three years. Dr. McDonald also served as Interim Director of an Early Childhood Development Center, where under her leadership they ascertained their Quality Rating accreditation. She was ordained as the General Overseer of Youth for Breath of Life Fellowship in 2019. Finally, she is the Founder of Rain 2 Reign Consulting, LLC. Rain 2 Reign Consulting LLC Company offers youth organization's leaders and practitioners a reliable, high quality resource for youth organization establishment, development, and fortification on a local, national, and international scale.

Dr. McDonald earned a Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership degree from University of Phoenix. Her dissertation topic was "A Qualitative Exploratory Collective Case Study of Training Necessities for 21st Century Youth Ministry Practitioners". She earned a Master of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Jackson State University, Jackson, MS; A Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Juvenile Justice from Jackson State University, Jackson, MS; and Certificates of Completion in Ministry from Sharing Life School of Ministry, Decatur, GA. Dr. McDonald is a Christian Education and Youth Practitioner curriculum developer. She has strong skill for establishing, developing, and strengthening youth organizations. She is also skilled at building, developing, encouraging, and training Youth Workers and Leaders. Dr. McDonald was born to the late Billie McDonald (1991) and Celestine McDonald (2014). She has five brothers, 22 nieces and nephews that she adores, and two God-children.

Pastor Tyrell J. Murray

Tyrell J. Murray, a New York City native, born in 1985. His journey began at a young age, as he desired to escape the stereotypes of inner-city youths. It was in church and at school he found comfort and peace from the influences of the streets. Motivated by exploration and study, he graduated top of his high school class and was accepted into Morehouse College.

At Morehouse, he sang with the AUC Gospel choir and joined New Life International Family Church. A member since 2003, Tyrell serves as Pastor of Christian Development. He graduated Sharing Life School of Ministry in 2014 and attributes his progress to faithful submission to and passion for God.

He is a graduate of Strayer University - Jack Welch Management Institute, obtained his MBA and certificate in Executive Leadership while maintaining a 3.7 G.P.A. Also, he enjoys a successful career as an Area Property Manager in multi-family real estate. Tyrell desires to stretch his capacity through learning while pushing others to do the same.

Minister Parrise Nesmith

Parrise is a woman after God's own heart, a motivational speaker and a business woman. She has a Bachelor's degree in the field of Human Relations and enjoys touching lives through the gift of service. Parrise specializes in helping others in the area of inspiration, finance and business. She is licensed in insurance, owns a franchise of financial company, and she currently works as an Administrative Assistant at Emory Hospital. She enjoys using her resources to help provoke people into a greater awareness of themselves and also empowering them to go after their dreams. Though trials have been great in her life, God's grace to get through them have been greater. She lives by the motto, "When you run out of excuses, you run into results."

Minister Phalan A. Taylor

Phalan Taylor is the CEO (Chief Executive Operator) of Waddies Sitting Service (WSS). WSS provides service for families with children of various ages and fulfills multiple childcare needs like babysitting, travel sitting and transporting children to and from extracurricular activities to name a few. Phalan has over twenty years of experience in early childhood education. She has worked with diverse groups and organizations including LaPetite Ecole, Trinity Worship Center, and is Coordinator of the nursery program at NLIFC (New Life International Family Church). Phalan is very passionate about all youth, which is why she extends services that set a solid and rigorous educational foundation to increase chances of exceeding all expectations.

Tamara Olabegi

Tamara is an experience Early Childhood Education Program Director that specializes in strategic planning, program compliance, and policy development and implementation. She began working with BCDI - Atlanta in 2020 with the Powerful Families program as an Engagement Coach working with Fulton County Schools and Sheltering Arms. Tamara has worked with New Life Cathedral International Family Church's Nursery since 2018.

Minister Kanika Thompson

Minister Thompson has been dancing since about 5 years old. Receiving some technical training from the Susan Ina Dance studios in Glen Burnie, MD. Later joining the dance club (an after-school activity that included ballet, modern and jazz dance techniques and performances) at Marley Middle School. After middle school, she attended her churches Christian Academy in 1997, where she not only met my husband, but fell in love with dance as a form of worship while teaching young ladies after school how to dance wholeheartedly for Christ. They would perform mainly for her church, and with permission, they would perform for other church ministries, funerals, anniversaries, weddings and other events per request. It is here where Minister Thompson's passion grew and she realized just how much she loved to teach dance and connect with the many youth she taught. During her 11th grade year, her Pastor asked her to begin the dance ministry for their church, East Baltimore Deliverance Church (EBDC), where she served as the Minister of Dance for over 10 years, mentoring and grooming over 35 girls in dance until she relocated to GA and joined NLIFC in August 2013. Fast-forward to 2018, this is when she noticed a need for a youth dance ministry at NLIFC. After going through the proper channels, Minister Thompson is proud to say that she was approved by both the Youth and Sr. Pastors of New Life International Family Church and F.I.R.E was birthed. She received her Ministers License from NLIFC in April 2019. Minister Thompson enjoys working with RSYM, serving as a mentor and leader to them whenever possible.

Minister Thompson's prayer is always for the Spirit of Christ to dance through her that people may see Him and not her and people will be healed, delivered and set free through dance.

Minister Thompson's beliefs regarding praise dance is that if done in the right spirit, it should evoke the presence of God, drive out demons, and bring about healing. It should NEVER be done to show flesh on parade and it should ALWAYS be done with your whole heart unto the Lord.

Elder Donna J. Williams

Elder Donna J. Williams was born July 7, 1950 in River Rouge, Michigan. In 1968, she embarked upon her musical endeavors by majoring in music at Wayne State University, Detroit, MI and Marygrove College, Detroit, MI.

In 1966, Mother Williams was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost at the International Gospel Center (IGC) in Ecorse, MI under the pastoralship of the late Apostle Charles O. Miles, Sr. While in Michigan, Mother Williams worked at the Department of Veteran Affairs for more than 18 years where she served as Supervisor. Filled and led by the spirit of God, Mother Williams has impacted the lives of numerous people with her musical gift. She served diligently as the Minister of Music at IGC for 27 years. She was a vocal trainer, Praise Team leader, Adult and Children's Choir Director, concert coordinator and seminar and workshop facilitator.

During her time as Minister of Music, God blessed her to travel extensively and minister throughout the continental United States; Hong Kong; Manila, Philippines; Seoul, Korea; Trinidad, West Indies and Curacao, Netherland Antilles. She has also ministered with recording artists such as Vicki Winans, Mattie Moss Clark, Andre Crouch, Beau Williams, Walt Mills, Morris Cerullo, Willa Dorsey, Esther Smith and Benny Hinn, just to name a few.

In 1999, her son the now Bishop Jeronn C. Williams was called to Pastor and Found the New Life International Family Church. Under his pastoral leadership, Elder Donna Williams operates in multiple facets of ministerial leadership, some of which include: Head Church Mother, Wedding Coordinator, Ordained Elder, and Director of the Office of Music and Arts where she provides voice lessons. She also provides spiritual nurturing and counsel to the pastor and the general body. She also assists with marital counseling to those in need.

In 2010 Elder Donna Williams was the recipient of "The Judah Award: for excellence in Music. Elder Donna also holds an Honorary Doctorate from Tabernacle Bible College and Seminary in Brandon, Florida and she is the Dean of Music Development at Sharing Life School of Ministry.

In 2015 Elder Donna Williams founded the ministry of "Ladies of Distinction, an assembly of the women of a "particular age" within New Life International Family Church whose focus is on healthy and relevant fellowship geared toward the encouragement and development of those who are mature, experienced, seasoned, and significant in the Kingdom of our God. Mother Williams' calling and ministry entails playing an integral role in the lives of women of all ages. She provides spiritual guidance, in-depth teachings of the Bible and depicts the portrait of God's Holy and virtuous woman. Whether preaching, praying, or preparing God's children to go higher in Him, one can be certain to find Mother Williams working to advance the Kingdom of God. She encourages the people to walk in spiritual character whereby spiritual growth and maturity can be manifested in their daily lives.

Elder Donna Williams is the loving wife of the late James H. Williams, she is the proud mother of three beautiful children: Dr. Jeronn (LaToya) Williams, Dr. Sheronn Williams, and LeShonn (Robert) Miller. She is also the proud Grandmother of Masters Jeronn C. Williams, II, Robert L. Miller, IV, Joshua C. Miller and Christopher B. Miller.

Minister Sheronn L. Williams, Ph.D.

Passionate in worship, consistent in praise, and unrelenting in invoking God's presence, Dr. Williams is an atmosphere changer commissioned to prepare the hearts of God's people for an experience and encounter with God through worship. She serves as Praise to Worship Leader, Ordained Minister, intercessor, youth staff, and women's ministry staff member at New Life International Family Church in Decatur, Georgia.

Dr. Williams is graced with Godly wisdom and intellect. She excels in academia as a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership, a Master of Business Administration, with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Spelman College. Dr. Williams is an exemplary leader unashamed of God's glory on her life, yet willing to serve at any cost.

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