

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

GWENDOLYN BURREL-YOUTH SPEAKER

Gwendolyn Burrel is a member of the Solid Rock Gospel Church in Chicago, IL where she serves in the capacity of Senior Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Summer Camp Director, Intercessor, and Lead Servant of the Culinary Ministry.

Gwendolyn has a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree from DePaul University; a Master of Education and Educational Leadership, and is currently pursuing her Doctor of Education EdD degree. Gwendolyn is serving in the capacity of Founding Principal for New Beginnings Academy, a Non-Public Special Education School. She also has over 12 years of progressive experience and accomplishments as a K-8 instructor and administrator.

Gwendolyn has been married to the love of her life for thirty-five years and has three children and five grandchildren. She is very devoted to her family and friends and enjoys spending quality time with them and enjoys spending quality time with them, which includes cooking and hosting family events.

She takes seriously the command of God according to Colossians 3:23-24, **“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. . .”**

NICOLE GOULD – SATURDAY WORKSHOP SPEAKER

Hale-Gould is the first Lady of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church in Baltimore, Maryland. She serves in several ministries of the church including Praise Team Member, Choir Director, and Women’s Bible Study.

Nicole works for the Social Security Administration as a Module Manager in the Office Central Operations (OCO) for the Office of Disability (ODO). She dedicates herself to encouraging and helping others by serving the public.

Nicole also participates in outreach community initiatives for Gillis Adopted School, Creative Academy which provides back-to-school supplies and support to families in the community. Nicole’s blessing comes from imparting God’s love and making a difference in the lives of those who are seeking the Lord.

Nicole has been married for 15 years to Pastor Darryl P. Gould Sr. and has two sons, DaJuan Gould and Darryl Gould Jr. Her greatest joys are caring for her family, supporting those who are in need and most of all serving the Lord.

Nicole’s favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13 **“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength”**.

DANA MATTHEWSON – SATURDAY WORKSHOP SPEAKER

Dana Matthewson is a native of Louisville, KY where she volunteers with the Audio-Visual Ministry at St. Stephen Baptist Church.

Dana holds a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from Sullivan University. She is a highly skilled computer technician for UPS. In her 28-year tenure, Dana served as a US Customs Brokerage Support Technician. In November of 2020, she was transferred to the tech spot where she supports remote users.

Dana also serves as the Audio-Visual Coordinator for the Annual Christian Women's Retreat (ACWR), sings with the ACWR Praise Team, and serves on the ACWR advisory board. She recently joined another women's group, "He Knows Me Conference", as audio visual coordinator. Prior to the pandemic, Dana volunteered through the YMCA of Greater Louisville, and assisted her sister Lori Cochran with a Prison ministry at the Kentucky Correctional Institute for Women.

Dana married her long-time friend, Wayne Matthewson, in the midst of the pandemic, and is the mother to one son. In her spare time, Dana enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with family.

TASHARA MCCAIN – SATURDAY WORKSHOP SPEAKER

Tashara McCain resides in Cleveland, OH and is a member of Highland Road Church of Christ. Besides attending church and participating in Bible study, she stays connected spiritually by reading devotionals and sharing motivational messages about our GOD and SAVIOR. Tashara is compassionate and has a heart-spot for helping others.

Tashara is married to Robert McCain and is the mother of three. Her favorite gospel is the book of John!

Tashara attended her first ACWR in 2005 and has been enjoying the fellowship ever since - Wow 16yrs, Amen!!

JULIANNE PALMER – SATURDAY WORKSHOP SPEAKER

Julianne Palmer comes to us from Louisville, Kentucky. Julianne has served in ministry at Christ's Church through teaching and leading instruction on prayer and Holy Communion to adult women and men.

Julianne accepted the Lord at the age of 8 years and has served the teaching ministries at Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Fairburn, Georgia and Impact Nation Fellowship in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She is currently an Academic Advisor at Whitney M. Young Job Corps Center, a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant, a former educator for Jefferson County Public Schools

in Louisville, KY and is pursuing a PhD in Psychology. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 3:10: *I want to know HIM and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death.*

DANIELLE STEVENS – FRIDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL

Danielle Stevens resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia where she is a member of New Life Church. Danielle's passion is dancing and she loves sharing the good news through it. Every day she prays for God's continued grace and mercy.

Danielle is Branch Manager at Chartway Federal Credit Union. Danielle has four children Makayla (step-daughter) 18, Sariah 12, Ian 5 and Jo-Elle 6 months who constantly remind her of God's unconditional love. She has learned that life is ever changing and hiding God's word in her heart is always essential.

Jeremiah 29:11 is Danielle's testimony and the one she repeats the most. "For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". No matter how dark the day, week, month, or year He has a plan and He will see it through to completion.

ANGELA WILSON – SUNDAY DEVOTIONAL

Angela Wilson resides in Glen Burnie, Maryland and has worked in the church in several capacities such as music ministry, teacher, administrative support, and various leadership positions.

Angela has a BS in Business Management and a Master of Science in Organizational and Human Resource Development. Angela worked for over 23 years as an HR professional. In 2020 she started her consulting business, AW Consulting, LLC. Angela is also the founder and President of the AngelWing Project a 501(c)(3) non-profit performing arts organization that she started in 2015.

Angela has been working with the ACWR for over 30 years and serves on the executive board as director of the Media and Communications Committee and the Music Ministry.

Angela is also an award-winning playwright and enjoys working on projects where her God given gifts and her professional expertise intersect. She has been a speaker, expert panelist, workshop leader and corporate trainer.

Angela is married to Michael, has two children and two amazing grandsons. She enjoys creative writing, traveling, and spending time with her family.