



10th

Anniversary

IN HONOR OF OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Furman F. Fordham II

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December 10, 2016

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*Pastor Furman Fordham II
& First Lady Jennifer Fordham*

A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Pastor Fordham has been serving God in Pastoral Ministry for over 20 years. He has pastored in Melbourne, Australia, Chicago, Illinois, two three-church districts in the states of Kansas and Missouri - including the Grand Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Charleston, Missouri, as well as the Allon Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.



He began serving as Senior Pastor of the historic Riverside Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church in 2006, where God continues to use him to add to this congregation's rich heritage, a progressive, Spirit-filled, mission-oriented ministry. He is married to the former Jennifer Gill. God has blessed their union with three sons—Furman III (PACE), Irvin Gill (PAX), and Jennings Walter (PRICE). Furman's personal purpose statement is *to be a growing Christian, an adoring husband, an exceptional father, and an excellent pastor—simultaneously.*

*And I will give **YOU PASTORS**
according to mine heart,
which shall feed you with
knowledge and understanding.*

Jeremiah 3:15

Riverside History

Riverside Chapel was formally organized in 1945 as a church originally in the fold of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists with a charter membership of 25. During the early 1940's, the medical staff of Riverside Hospital were faithful members of the Meharry Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. On any given Sabbath as high noon was approaching, there was always a slight disturbance, a moving of bodies. Week after week, the same people – doctors, nurses and other medical personnel – would walk out of the services as quietly and unobtrusively as possible. Patients had to be fed; routine patient care had to go on. To satisfy the needs of the patients at the Riverside Sanitarium (later Riverside Hospital) and to keep from disrupting the services at the Meharry Church, it was decided to organize a new congregation at the Sanitarium.



Thus, on the banks of the Cumberland River, Riverside Chapel was established March 10, 1945. The small group on "this side of the river" met in the dining room of the hospital and in a cottage on the "San" campus for the first ten years. Preaching service began at 9:00 a.m. and Sabbath School at 11:00 a.m. This enabled the pastor to serve both the Meharry and Riverside congregations. Riverside Chapel formulated an integral part of the hospital, but the church existed because the hospital existed. The hospital performed an important mission of the worldwide church and, through its medical service, represented Seventh-day Adventists to many who otherwise would not be acquainted with the organization.

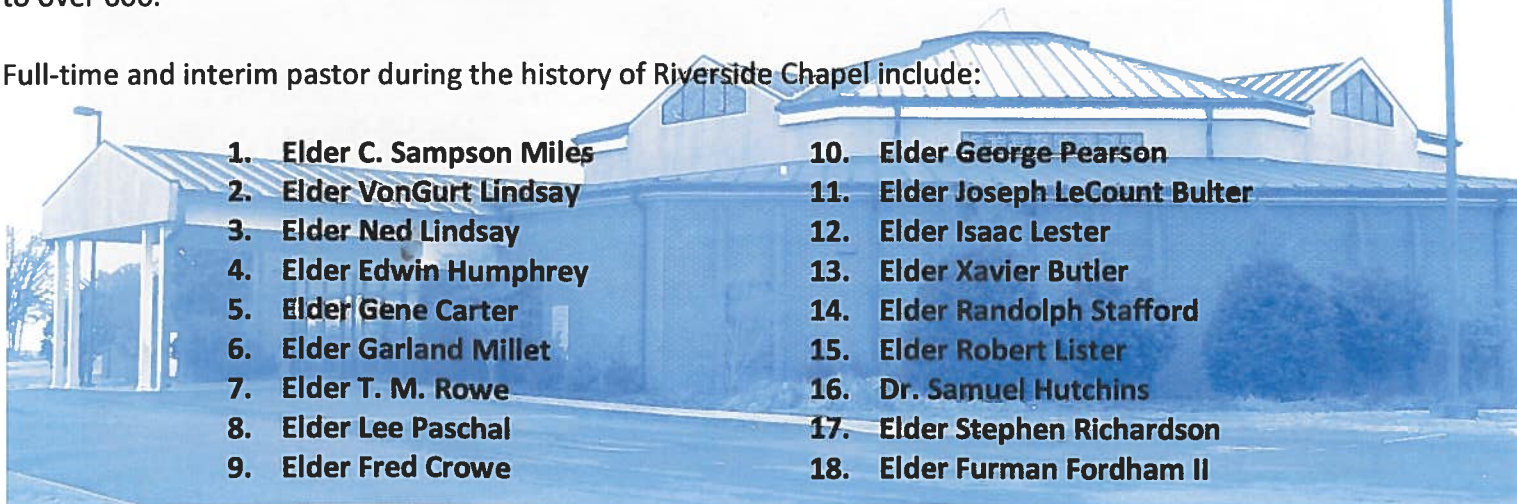


In 1956, under the leadership of Elder Eugene Carter, a new church building (pictured) was erected and finally dedicated May 11-12, 1956. By this time, the membership had grown to 40-50 members including children. Some time later, Sabbath services were piped into the hospital enabling patients, visitors, and staff to see and hear the services. The minutes of the board meetings during those "good ole days" reflect similar problems facing churches today. Monthly tuition for the school was ten dollars per student (with 1/3 off for more than one child in the family). Finance reports, heating costs, conference meeting delegates, and

disciplinary issues were familiar matters for the Riverside Chapel of yesteryears. Today, the membership has grown to over 600.

Full-time and interim pastor during the history of Riverside Chapel include:

1. Elder C. Sampson Miles
2. Elder VonGurt Lindsay
3. Elder Ned Lindsay
4. Elder Edwin Humphrey
5. Elder Gene Carter
6. Elder Garland Millet
7. Elder T. M. Rowe
8. Elder Lee Paschal
9. Elder Fred Crowe
10. Elder George Pearson
11. Elder Joseph LeCount Bulter
12. Elder Isaac Lester
13. Elder Xavier Butler
14. Elder Randolph Stafford
15. Elder Robert Lister
16. Dr. Samuel Hutchins
17. Elder Stephen Richardson
18. Elder Furman Fordham II



BRIDGE TO CHRISTMAS

Riverside Nashville will be partnering with the Bridge Ministry for "The Bridge to Christmas" on Tuesday, December 20th from 4:30-6pm. We will be sowing love and serving the Homeless in our Nashville Community through serving food, prayer, hospitality and passing out general items (i.e. sleeping bags, blankets, etc.)

We are asking for unwrapped toys for children ages 1-12. Please drop the toys off in the designated bins in the lobby No later than Sabbath, December 17th.

Location: Jefferson Street Bridge - 1122 2nd Ave North Nashville, TN 37208. (Parking located at the Department of Health & Human Services).

Time: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

For more information- please contact Melissa Souffrant at sow@riversidenashville.org or 773.738.3015



Riverside Social Committee hosts

A Formal Affair

CELEBRATING

**10 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT RIVERSIDE
WITH OUR PASTOR & FIRST LADY**

Curman II and Jennifer Fordham

**Tonight, December 10, 2016 – 7:00 PM
Riverside Fellowship Hall**

Hope Campbell, Committee Chair

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Instructor	Location	Class Information
Furman Fordham	Parents Room	Salvation 101
Chris Marshall	Conference Room	The Book of Job
Travis Claybrooks	Sanctuary Piano-side	Missional Communities
Greg Fontus & Emmanuel Ogutu	Sanctuary Middle Piano	Good or God with Greg and Emmanuel
Omari Winbush	Sanctuary Middle Organ	The Image of God. Challenging Our View of God and How His Love Changes Us
Craig Bardo	Choir Loft	Clarifying Christianity
Ralph Ford	Rehearsal Room	Daniel and Revelation
Jourdan Bardo, Pamela Taylor & Schari Flowers	Fellowship Hall	Secrets of the Secret Place

Clarifying Christianity - Seeking the Righteous of Christ

The Image of God. Challenging Our View of God and How His Love Changes Us: We tend to view God in ways that keep Him separated from us. He wants to show us his love and let his life for us be life changing.

Salvation 101: This class seeks to help individuals understand, experience and then share the news of salvation through a step-by-step process.

Missional Communities: This is a class about growing a community of disciples that will be sent out into Nashville to win and grow other disciples through small/cell group missions.

Good or God with Greg and Emmanuel: These days the term good or God are seen as synonymous. We believe what's generally accepted as good must be in line with God's will, but since there is a way that "good" seems right to an individual yet, ultimately leads to destruction, we endeavor to distinguish the difference between what is good verses what's God-like-what is the standard?

The Book of Job: (Fourth Quarter Sabbath School Quarterly)

Many people struggle with the age-old question, "If God exists, and is so good, so loving, and so powerful, why so much suffering?" Hence, this quarter's study: the book of Job.

Daniel and Revelation: Fulfillment of prophecies today before our eyes. How to make God proud

Collegiate Class: Book Title: Secrets of the Secret Place - This class will guide participants to fuel a passion for the secret place with God. It will help defuse life's struggles related to the secret place and inspire a personal connection with God.

Sabbath School (SS) - Traditional SS classes meet at 9:30 a.m. each Sabbath morning in the ENERGY classroom

GROW

Christian Fellowship - Antioch

Contact: Lewis & Betty Peacock: (615-501-0277)/

lbpeacock@comcast.net

Day/Time: Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Location: 4316 Summercrest Boulevard, #604, Antioch, TN 37013

Christian Fellowship - Goodlettsville/Madison

Contact: George McFarland, (615) 430-8170/ggmcfarland@bellsouth.net

Day/Time: Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Location: 2314 Spring Branch Drive, Madison

Father & Son Basketball Group

Contact: Furman Fordham, (615) 423-4758

Day/Time: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Location: F.H. Jenkins Preparatory School

Hold Me Tight

Contact: Ann Chester, (615) 525-4881

grog@riversidenashville.org

Men's Discipleship Group

Contact: Travis Claybrooks, (615-887-6846)/

travis.claybrooks@riversidenashville.org

Day/Time: Sundays @ 7:30am

Digital Photography Group

Contact: Michael Hubbard, (615) 804-4822/hubbardma@yahoo.com

Day/Time: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday at noon

Location: Riverside Chapel Fellowship Hall

Seniors (SORS)

Contact: Annette Hanna-Campbell, (615) 473-8100/

annette.hanna-campbell@comcast.net

Day/Time: Tuesdays @ 11am

Location: Riverside Sanctuary

Single Mom Group

Contact: Julie Sejour: 615-400-2755/Mycah Hill: 615-853-5980 for day, time and location.

Soul Survivors Cancer Group

Contact: Canida Botkin-615-294-7102

Meeting 2nd Sabbath of each month @ 2:00 pm.

Location: High School Class Room

Tennis

Contact: Christopher Marshall, (615) 423-4758/

chris.marshall06@comcast.net

Day/Time: Sundays @ 8:30am

Location: Hadley Park, 2901 John A. Merritt Blvd, Nashville

Women's Prayer & Discipleship

A safe place where women can grow in Christ together.

Day/ time: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Zumba

Contact: Ebony Israel, (615) 243-7071/ebony.israel@gmail.com

Day/Time: Every other Sunday @ 10:30am, Location: Fellowship Hall

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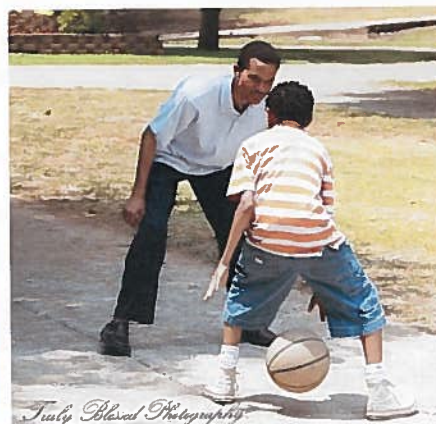
You are being personally challenged to **"#GO! Share Your Story!"**

What story? The story of how Jesus saved you!

Do you remember Paul's salvation story? It took place while he was on the 'Road to Damascus' (Acts 9:1-19). Now notice how the Bible records him *sharing his story*. He *shared his story* before a mob in Jerusalem (Acts 22:1-16), and again before King Agrippa in Caesarea (Acts 26:1-18).

Well, you are not being challenged to go to Jerusalem or Caesarea; but you are being challenged to get your smartphone out, and in 2 minutes or less, to video the story of how Jesus saved you - then, via email, Facebook, or any other social media platform **"#GO! Share Your Story!"**

Fordham Family - We Love You!



By the power and grace of God, I will be a servant of God and spiritual guardian to this congregation; lead the church in ministries of growth for the kingdom, congregation, and the person; develop, sponsor, and support ministries that are relevant to the times—that are relevant to the times—and that project the mission of our church into the community; and encourage nurturing ministries for the congregation so that all our energies are not focused on winning others while we are losing those we already have.

—Furman F. Fordham II, December 9, 2006



What's that I hear? The sound of little feet?

For Riverside Chapel, it was only the beginning of how different things were going to be. Reminiscent, perhaps, of the Kennedy White House, for those old enough to remember: a beautiful wife, Jennifer Gill Fordham; and three young sons, Pace, Pax, and Price—in the pastor's office.

Smiles.

Visions cast.

We could feel the energy.

All hands on deck! This brother is rocking the boat. Batten down the hatches. If it can be swept away, it's outta here!

And the sanctuary was full. Considerations made for a second worship service and installing the balcony.

Regrouping, transitions, reorganizing, letting go and letting God, shaking and sifting.

I don't know if you're like me, but I have been praying for quite some time that the real genuine presence of the Holy Ghost would fall upon me. And although I see evidence of God fulfilling His promise, it's also clear that we have not experienced the full measure. . . .when the Holy Spirit indwells you, and the presence of the living God controls you, and Jesus moves through you. . . .

Jesus promised to pour out the Spirit so that His disciples could be witnesses of *Him*. . . . There needs to be a full appreciation and understanding of the good news of the gospel so that when He pours out His Spirit, *that* gospel will go forth.

—Furman F. Fordham II, November 9, 2013



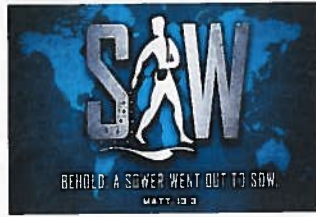
With the passing of a decade, the thirty-something became a forty-something. The little feet grew bigger. One set even moved on, to the Pine Forge Academy campus—a graduate, nonetheless, in May 2017.

Our motto here at Riverside is "Know God, Grow in God, and Sow God's love." Our prayer is that as we worship together on this special Sabbath, December 10, 2016, the tenth anniversary of God's gifting to us in Pastor Furman F. Fordham II, and his family, we will encounter God's presence and experience His power.

We want you to *Know* God as you intentionally pursue a relationship with Him through daily Bible study and prayer,



and to *Sow* God's love in acts of Christian kindness, praying for and encouraging others, and in sharing your testimony.



to *Grow* in God as you connect with a small group in fellowship and spiritual support, applying God's Word in your life,



And now we are commissioned to *Go!*



Our mission: to teach all peoples as our lives demonstrate the everlasting gospel, for Jesus *is* coming again "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" (Matthew 3:3 KJV).

As we look back over the past ten years, we pause to mark the passing of our loved ones, the saints at Riverside, who have died in Christ, resting in that blessed hope, and waiting for the Voice of the resurrection, including former Riverside pastors, Xavier Butler, Samuel R. Hutchins, and Randolph P. Stafford; as well as the parents of our first lady, Irvin and Clara Gill.

Thanks be to God for His marvelous gift of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord! For all the ways He has led us in this part of His vineyard and for the mantle of leadership at Riverside that He placed on Pastor Fordham.

Into the institutions of learning at Nashville the truth is to find entrance. There are those in these institutions who are to be reached by the third angel's message. Everything that can be done to interest these teachers and students in the message of present truth should now be done, and it should be done in a wise and understanding manner. (7T, 233)

We move forward in faith, by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, admonishing one another, praying, making disciples, and praising God.

Submitted by Paula Major

