



## WELCOME TO THE MIDWEST GOSPEL PREACHING SUMMIT!

We welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, counting it a privilege to learn together, grow in understanding, strengthen our community, and hone our skills as men and women of God serving in His beloved Church. We are so glad you are with us! Our prayer is that you glean wisdom at each session, that your spirit is refreshed, your skillset sharpened, and your toolkit expanded.

This summit has been in the works for almost a year. We have observed God's Spirit working in all the details, from the positive responses of speakers and breakout session leaders, to the generous support of summit sponsors. We are deeply grateful for each leader and supporting ministry—for their thoughtful preparation, practical assistance, and willingness to say yes to providing seminary-level training to preachers seeking to proclaim Christ.

Indeed we are convinced that the Spirit has been and will continue to be at work in our midst to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ (Ephesians 4:12-13).

In these next days as you glean insight from the teaching of the speakers and breakout session leaders, we hope you will share your own experience, wisdom, and words of encouragement. We hope you will make new friends and strengthen old ties, and that when you leave you will be even more generously empowered to lift your voice as a proclaimer of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Please let us know if there is anything you need while you are at Upper House or Mt. Zion Baptist Church for the evening service. Your presence is a gift to us.

Gratefully,

Pastor Marcus Allen and Melissa Shackelford

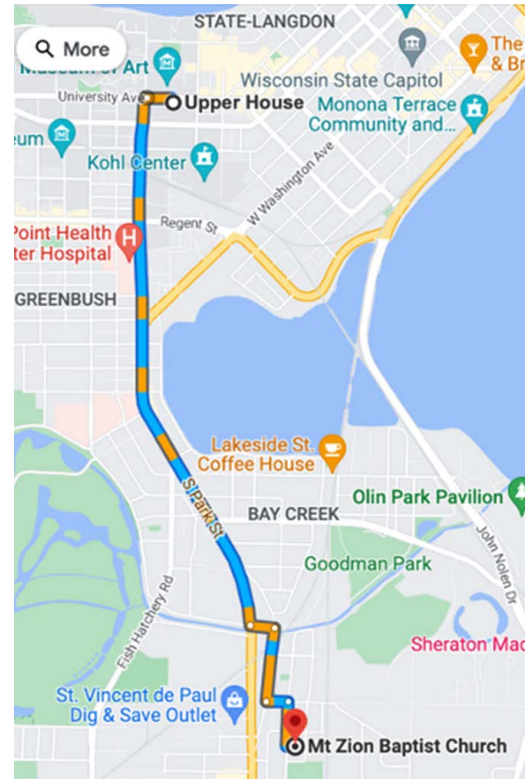


## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 12:00 PM Registration
- 1:00 PM Welcome & Worship with Rev. Dr. Marcus Allen
- 2:15 PM Break
- 2:30 PM Preaching Class with Rev. Dr. Jerry M. Carter, Jr.
- 3:45 PM Break for Dinner Off-Site and Travel to Mt. Zion Baptist Church (2019 Fisher Street, Madison, WI, 53713). Plan for dinner on your own or with other attendees.
- 6:30 PM Evening Service (Open to the Public) with Rev. Dr. Jerry M. Carter, Jr.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 8:30 AM Welcome and Brief Remarks
- 8:35 AM Morning Devotional with Dr. Mark Croston
- 9:05 AM Preaching Class with Rev. Dr. George Lewis Parks, Jr.
- 10:30 AM Break
- 10:45 AM Logos Software Demonstration
- 11:00 AM Panel Discussion: *Preaching Christ to All Generations* with —  
Rev. Dr. Jerry M. Carter, Jr.  
Rev. Keith T. Evans  
Rev. Dr. George Lewis Parks, Jr.  
Bishop Godfrey Stubbs  
Moderated by Rev. Dr. Marcus Allen
- 12:00 PM Lunch on-site
- 1:15 PM Worship service with Rev. Dr. George Parks
- 2:45 PM Breakout Sessions
  - Preaching Christ is in the Preparation*  
Rev. Dr. Marcus Allen  
PORCH
  - Preaching Christ through a Pandemic: Technology/Hybrid Church*  
Pastor Isaiah Oby  
CYPRESS
  - Preaching Out of Burnout*  
Bishop Walter Harvey  
BIRCH
  - Logos Bible Software Workshop*  
Steven Smith from Faithlife  
MAPLE
- 4:00 PM Day Concludes





## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 8:30 AM Welcome and Introductions  
8:35 AM Preaching Class with Rev. Dr. Carolyn Ann Knight  
9:45 AM Break  
10:00 AM Breakout Sessions  
    *Preaching Christ is in the Preparation*  
        Rev. Dr. Marcus Allen  
        PORCH  
    *Preaching Christ through a Pandemic: Technology/Hybrid Church*  
        Pastor Isaiah Oby  
        BIRCH  
11:15 AM Break  
11:30 AM Worship Service with Rev. Dr. Carolyn Ann Knight  
12:45 PM Summit Conclusion

## SUMMIT SPEAKERS & PANELISTS

### **REV. DR. MARCUS ALLEN** | PASTOR, MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, MADISON, WI

Marcus Allen served honorably in the United States Army for more than ten years, completing three combat tours—two to Iraq and one to Afghanistan. He received the Bronze Star Medal, one of the highest military honors, as well as numerous other awards. Dr. Allen earned his M.Div. from the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University and his D.Min. from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the author of a new book, *I Got Next: 10 Essential Lessons for Effective Pastoral Transition*. Marcus is married to Terra, and God has blessed them with three beautiful children—Alexandrea, Marcus Jr., and MeKiyah. Marcus has a tremendous desire for God's word coupled with a deep love for God's people. He is passionate about proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, making the Word of God relevant in the lives of believers, and building the Kingdom of God in the congregation and community.

### **REV. DR. JERRY M. CARTER, JR.** | PASTOR, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, MORRISTOWN, NJ

Dr. Carter is a faithful theologian whose commitment to articulate the gospel in both written and oratory forms has transformed and shaped the lives of generations. He is a highly sought-after revivalist, keynote speaker, lecturer, mentor, and teacher, who has been invited to share the gospel on numerous platforms throughout the country. He earned a B.A. from Denison University, in Granville, OH, a M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Drew University in Madison, NJ. He is president of the African American Clergy Association of Morris County, founder and host of the How Shall They Hear Preaching conference, and distinguished visiting professor of the Transformational Preaching Doctorate of Ministry program at New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, NJ. Dr. Carter is also an author who has inspired through his published works in the *New Interpreters Handbook of Preaching; Oxford Sermons Volume III; Evangelizing the Black Male in the 21st Century*; and the *African American Pulpit*. His latest work, *The Empowered Life: Living Well in the Spirit* was published in 2015. Dr. Carter is a native of Columbus, OH, and the proud father of three children, Jerry M. III, Zachary Daniel, and Camille.



**DR. MARK ANDREW CROSTON** | NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF BLACK CHURCH MINISTRIES AT LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES, NASHVILLE, TN

Dr. Mark Croston is the National Director of Black Church Partnerships for Lifeway Christian Resources. He was born in Philadelphia, PA and is the eighth of nine children. For his M.A. he attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and graduated with a concentration in Pastoral Care and Counseling. He then received his D.Min. in Christian Education from Virginia Union University. After 26 years of successful pastoral ministry, he transitioned to his current role at Lifeway in November 2013. He has been a contributing author to *The Chosen Path*, *Seeds of Hope: Liberia and Virginia Baptists*; *From My Heart to Yours*; and *Worship: How to Say to God I Love You*. Most recently, he is the author of *Big Results Leadership* (B&H Publishing, 2021).

**REV. KEITH T. EVANS** | PASTOR, GREATER MT. EAGLE BAPTIST CHURCH, RACINE, WI

Rev. Evans has been the pastor of Greater Mt. Eagle Baptist Church since 2002. Since coming to Racine, WI from Flint, MI, Reverend Evans has been very involved within the city and the state in both the religious and civic sectors. In the religious community, Rev. Evans is a Certified Instructor and Lecturer for the Wisconsin General Baptist State Congress. He has also served in the capacity of General Secretary for the Wisconsin General Baptist State Convention; as Treasurer and Past Moderator for the Southeastern Wisconsin Pastor's Fellowship; and as Former Chair of the Religious Leaders Caucus of the Racine Interfaith Coalition. In August 2018, Rev. Evans became the President of the Wisconsin General Baptist State Convention. He presently serves on the Board of Directors of the NBC USA and as Parliamentarian of the American Baptist College Alumni Association. A graduate of American Baptist College, Rev. Evans also pursued coursework in the M.Div. program at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary. Married to the former Tonya C. Scott, also a Flint native, the couple is blessed with two beautiful daughters, Jasmine and Michaiah.

**BISHOP WALTER HARVEY** | APOSTOLIC LEADER, PARKLAWN ASSEMBLY OF GOD, MILWAUKEE, WI

Born in Milwaukee in the zip code with the highest rate of incarceration, poverty, unemployment, and other racial disparities in the entire country, Bishop Harvey could have been just another statistic: another prisoner, another drug addict, another lost cause. But the prayers of his mother and the power of God transformed his life. He attended Marquette University to study psychology and counseling and earned a B.S. in liberal arts. He served as senior pastor at Parklawn Assembly of God in Milwaukee from 1992 until 2020. An ordained minister in the Assemblies of God, he was consecrated as a Bishop in 2014 by the Outpouring Ministry Network in Milwaukee. His calling as a minister has taken him to numerous countries to plant churches, inspire and develop Christian leaders, and do humanitarian work to transform people's lives. In addition to serving in an advisory role at Parklawn, Bishop Harvey serves as CEO of Prism Economic Development Corporation and board president for the National Black Fellowship of the Assemblies of God.

**REV. DR. CAROLYN ANN KNIGHT** | PREACHER AND FOUNDER OF "CAN DO!" MINISTRIES, ATLANTA, GA

Rev. Dr. Carolyn Ann Knight received her B.A. degree from Bishop College in Dallas, TX with a major concentration in English, philosophy, and religion. Her theological training began at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, NY; she later transferred to Union Theological Seminary in New York City where she was awarded the M.Div. and Master of Sacred Theology degrees, respectively. Rev. Knight holds the D.Min. degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. Under the tutelage of many treasured preachers throughout the country, Dr. Knight developed a love for preaching and the pulpit. Dr. Knight has served in the pastoral ministry in pulpits in Denver, CO; Dallas, TX; Rochester, and Harlem, NY. She is the founder and president of "CAN DO!" Ministries; a progressive, preventive youth advocacy ministry dedicated to the cultural, social, intellectual, and spiritual wellbeing of youth and young adults. Dr. Knight serves on numerous boards and committees, and is cited as a *sui generis*, a one-of-a-kind preaching voice for this generation. Dr. Knight is a proud Golden Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The singular theme of her message and ministry is a better quality of life for the poor and oppressed, particularly women and children.



**ISAIAH OBY** | ASSOCIATE PASTOR, NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, MADISON, WI

Pastor Isaiah Oby is a graduate of Columbia College Chicago, where he earned a Bachelors of Music with a concentration in contemporary composition. During his time in school, Oby began a full-time missionary apprenticeship at Chicago City Life Center, located in the south-side community of Englewood. After graduation, Isaiah's work in the music industry took him on multiple world tours and even landed him television appearances on Fox and Netflix. Over the years, Oby served as a Music Director and Worship Arts Coordinator at Park Community Church and Gospel Life (formally Crossroads Community) Church. During his time at Gospel Life, Isaiah served as the Interim Campus Pastor at their Dekalb, IL location. In 2019, Oby returned to Madison to become an Associate Pastor at Northside Christian Assembly (NCA), where he oversees ministry operations, Sunday worship services, and preaches regularly. In addition to his work at NCA, Pastor Isaiah is a speaker, Worship-Arts consultant, music composer, and executive music producer. He is married to Alina and they have a young son named Zion.

**REV. DR. GEORGE LEWIS PARKS, JR.** | PASTOR, NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR

Dr. Parks pursued undergraduate studies at the American Baptist College in Nashville, TN where he was awarded the MLK Scholarship and earned a B.A. in Biblical Studies/Pastoral Studies. Dr. Parks' thirst for spiritual growth led him to return to school and he earned his M.Div. degree from Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, DC. There, he was awarded the prestigious J. H. Jackson Award for Promise in Pastoral Excellence. His sermon, "Black and Proud" has been published in the *African American Pulpit* journal. In May 2016, he earned his D.Min. in Expository Preaching from Union University School of Theology and Missions. God has given Dr. Parks diverse assignments throughout his ministerial career; God has shown His favor and anointing on Dr. Parks by allowing him to preach God's word throughout the country, and by placing kind-hearted pastors in his path. In return, Dr. Parks opens doors for other ministers.

**BISHOP GODFREY A. STUBBS** | SENIOR PASTOR OF END TIME MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL, MADISON, WI

Bishop Godfrey A. Stubbs is the Senior Pastor of End Times Ministries International and a proud product of the Bahamas. Growing up in the Bahamas and working in the hotel industry he developed a love and sense of compassion for others. After serving as a Deacon and being trained as an Elder at The Apostles of the End Times Ministries under the leadership of Apostle Charles James Wallace, Bishop Stubbs relocated to Madison, WI, where he served under the fine leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Floyd Prude and the late Rev. Dr. Charles Herford. In 2001, Godfrey was ordained and licensed as a Pastor. In 2002, his calling led him to be the founding pastor of End Time Ministries International. Bishop Stubbs has earned a B.S. specializing in food and beverage, numerous certificates in administration, leadership training, and people development, and is also pursuing his M.A. in biblical counseling and studies. He is married to Shelia Stubbs, and they are the proud parents of six children, Rekeisha, Gerneica, Godfrey, Godfrey Jr., Gabriella, and Aquila Alana Stubbs.

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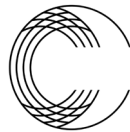
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