



110th CHURCH Anniversary

OCTOBER 9TH & 10TH

SPEAKER

DR. LARRY
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AUSTIN HUMPHREYS
LEAD PASTOR

2525 SANDERFORD ROAD
RALEIGH, NC 27610

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

October 10, 2026

Pastor Austin Humphreys and Members
Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church
2525 Sanderford Rd
Raleigh, NC 27610-5829

Greetings, Pastor Humphreys and Members!

It is with great joy that we extend heartfelt congratulations to the Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church on the celebration of your 110th Church Anniversary!

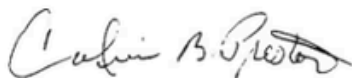
For 110 years, Gethsemane has stood as a beacon of faith, hope, and Christian service in the Raleigh community. This remarkable milestone is a testament to the faithfulness of God and to the dedication of the generations of members, pastors, leaders, and families who have faithfully served and supported the ministry of this congregation.

As you reflect upon your rich history, may you also look with anticipation toward the future, trusting God to continue leading and blessing Gethsemane. May the legacy established by those who came before you inspire renewed commitment to sharing the everlasting gospel, serving your community, and building the kingdom of God.

We pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen your congregation, bless your leadership, and prosper every effort made in His name. May Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church remain faithful in mission, steadfast in service, and committed to Christ for generations to come.

Congratulations on this significant milestone. May God richly bless Gethsemane as you celebrate 110 years of God's faithfulness and look forward to the years ahead!

Sincerely,



Calvin B. Preston
President



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October 18, 2026

Pastor Austin Humphreys
Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church
2525 Sanderford Road
Raleigh, NC 27610-5829

Dear Pastor Humphreys,

I am pleased to congratulate Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church on its 110th anniversary! For more than a century, your church has blessed so many with its faith, love, and commitment.

Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church has served as a beacon of service, fellowship, and hope for generations of congregants. Under your steadfast leadership, Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church continues to be a guiding light for North Carolina. Thank you for your service to your church, the Raleigh community, and the people of our state.

Again, congratulations on this milestone anniversary. Dedicated faith communities like yours are vital to creating a safer, stronger North Carolina where all people can thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Josh Stein".

Josh Stein
Governor

October 10, 2026

To my Gethsemane family,

One hundred and ten years!

When you really stop and think about it, that is an incredible testimony. For 110 years, through changing times, changing generations, changing pastors, and changing seasons, one thing has remained the same: God has been faithful to Gethsemane.

Long before many of us arrived, there were men and women who prayed here, worshiped here, sacrificed here, served here, and believed what God planted in Raleigh was worth preserving for the next generations. We are standing today because somebody before us believed there would be a tomorrow. That is why this anniversary is more than a celebration it is a testimony.

As your Pastor, I am humbled to serve Gethsemane during this historic chapter. We have inherited 110 years of faith, sacrifice, ministry, and prayer; however, with this inheritance comes responsibility. What was handed to us cannot stop with us.

Our theme says it best: ***A Legacy of Faith • A Future of Promise.***

We honor where God has brought us from, but we also believe there is more ahead. There are still families to reach, children to disciple, broken people to love, a community to serve, and souls to win. I truly believe some of Gethsemane's greatest days are still ahead of us.

So today, we thank every member, pastor, leader, family, and friend who has helped write this story. Above all, we thank God—the One who has kept Gethsemane for 110 years.

We honor the legacy. We embrace the promise. And we trust the God who has been faithful through it all.

Happy 110th Anniversary, Gethsemane!

The story is not over. The best is still ahead.

In His Service,

Austin J. Humphreys

Pastor Austin Humphreys

Lead Pastor

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October 10, 2026

Elder and Mrs. Austin Humphreys
Officers and Members, Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church
2525 Sanderford Road
Raleigh, North Carolina 27610

Dear Pastor and friends;

We wish for you the happiest and most joyous 110th Anniversary celebration.

Sister Winston and I visited an Adventist church in another conference a few weeks ago. During the Sabbath celebration, the pastoral team paid recognition to a lady in the congregation who was 108 years old. 1 - 0 - 8 years old! If my math is correct, she was born in 1918, two years after this church was begun. What was even more amazing to me, she walked into church in her own strength, by God's Grace that day, with the simple aid of a walker. Hallelujah!!

I, like many of you, as a child of the mid-20th century, personally knew some of the charter members of this congregation. Some of them were our parents and grandparents; some were uncles, aunts and cousins; some were in-laws; some were former neighbors and co-workers. We sang together in choirs, stood together as ushers, shared communion together and taught one another's children in Sabbath School. They, along with the other members of this body of believers were beautiful, God-fearing parishioners.

For those of us "who are alive and remain" and gather here today, 110 years seems like a long, long time ago. We dearly miss those who are sleeping in Jesus awaiting the resurrection. But rest assured; our hope has not dimmed nor has our faith in God grown old. Our prayer is still, "even so, come Lord Jesus."

Sincerest love to you all,
Elder and Sister Winston



THE HISTORY *Continues:* 2017 – 2026

The years **2017–2026** stand as a powerful testimony to Gethsemane's enduring faith, service, and continued growth. In **2017**, plans began for the construction of a Family Life Center. Ground was broken on **May 20, 2018**, and after years of prayer and perseverance, the project was completed, and the congregation officially entered the new Family Life Center on **December 9, 2023**.

That faith was tested in **March 2020** when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the sanctuary doors to close. Under the leadership of Pastor Larry Johnson and a dedicated COVID Task Force, ministry never stopped. Sabbath School, Divine Worship, prayer meetings, Adventist Youth Ministries, and the "Gethsemane Hour of Power" continued virtually, reaching hundreds and extending our ministry far beyond the walls of the church. In **May 2022**, the congregation joyfully returned to full in-person worship.

In **April 2021**, I arrived to serve as the new pastor, and under God's leadership, the ministry continued to emerge and grow. In that same year, the "Pop-the-Trunk" initiative began in partnership with Wake County, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, and church volunteers, providing groceries and hot meals to the community. The ministry received regional recognition in *Southern Tidings* and continued through 2023.

In **2023**, after years of faith and hard work, we officially entered the completed Family Life Center on **December 9, 2023**. This facility has expanded our capacity for worship, fellowship, youth and children's ministries, community outreach, and greater Kingdom impact.

Spiritual growth and community engagement also flourished. The inaugural "SummerFest" in **2022** welcomed more than 200 neighbors and became an annual tradition. That November, the "Systems for Survival" crusade, led by Dr. Ron Smith, resulted in 99 baptisms.

In **2025**, major sanctuary renovations were completed, enhancing both the in-person and online worship experience. Our ministries continued to thrive, with expanded mentorship opportunities for our youth and young adults, new initiatives, and a renewed focus on making disciples. Evangelism was amplified through the "Magnify Revival," bringing powerful preaching, music, and opportunities for spiritual renewal.

In **2026**, we were able to make a promise and rebuild the playground for our church school and church family, creating a safer and more welcoming space for our children and community. With renewed vision, we continue to move forward—reaching, serving, and preparing the next generation for the mission ahead.

*For 110 years, God has carried Gethsemane from one generation to the next.
We honor the faith that brought us here, but we believe our greatest work is still ahead.
The history continues and by God's grace, so does Gethsemane.*

"A LEGACY OF FAITH • A FUTURE OF PROMISE"

GETHSEMANE *Legacy* Night

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH | 7:00 PM

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISE & WORSHIP

WELCOME & ADDITIONAL GREETINGS

MUSICAL SELECTION

1ST LEGACY HIGHLIGHT

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

2ND LEGACY HIGHLIGHT

MUSICAL SELECTION

3RD LEGACY HIGHLIGHT

MUSICAL SELECTION

OFFERING

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

MUSICAL SELECTION

SERMON

CLOSING RESPONSE AND PRAYER

Pastor Humphreys
SAC Conference (Elder David Smith)

GSDA Men's Group

Where We Began

Albert Fisher Smithfield Church

Churches That Began from Gethsemane

- **Smithfield First Church from Gethsemane:**
Bro. Lawrence Davis
- **Franklinton Second Church from Gethsemane:**
Dr. Lonietta Cornwall
- **East Wake Third Church from Gethsemane:**
Elder Charlton Alexander

Franklinton Church

GSDA Young Adult, Kalila Jones

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Pastor Austin Humphreys

The Fogg Sisters

Elder Larry Johnson

Pastor Austin Humphreys

Worship Experience

OCTOBER 10TH, 2026

VIEWING OF GETHSEMANE'S HISTORY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTROIT

WE INVITE GOD INTO THE SERVICE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

WELCOME – ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

WELCOME & REMARKS

GUEST GREETINGS:

County Commissioner

Minister of Macedonia New Life

South Atlantic Conference President

CONGREGATION GREETING

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PRAYER

OFFERING

ANNIVERSARY SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT

SPECIAL MUSIC

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

HYMN OF MEDITATION

SERMON

Pastor Austin Humphreys

Praise Team

"Lord You Are Welcome in This Place"

Elder Ann Smith

Iris Wray

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Pastor Austin Humphreys

Don Mial

Dr. Joe L. Stevenson

Elder Calvin Preston

Gethsemane Praise Team

Elder William McKenzie

Pastor Austin Humphreys

Former Pastors and Families

Gethsemane Anniversary Choir

Gethsemane Anniversary Choir

Elder Calvin Preston

CLOSING REMARKS/BENEDICTION

EXITING SONG

Pastor Austin Humphreys

110TH CHURCH *Anniversary* GALA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026 • 7:00 PM

THE FAIRVIEW • DOWNTOWN RALEIGH

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Jonathan Slocumb
Comedian & Entertainer

WELCOME

Pastor Austin Humphreys
Senior Pastor
Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church

OPENING PRAYER & BLESSING OF THE MEAL

Pastor Gregory Saunders

DINNER IS SERVED / BAND LIVE MUSIC

Three-Course Meal

MUSICAL SELECTION

Saxophonist Brian Miller

COMEDY & ENTERTAINMENT

Jonathan Slocumb

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Elder Calvin Preston
President, South Atlantic Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

MUSICAL SELECTION

Stephon & China Goodwin

COMEDY & ENTERTAINMENT

Jonathan Slocumb

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Pastor Austin Humphreys & Iris Wray

MUSICAL SELECTION

Saxophonist Brian Miller

BAND/FELLOWSHIP TRANSITION

Live Band

COMEDY & ENTERTAINMENT

Jonathan Slocumb

MUSICAL SELECTION

Stephon & China Goodwin

CLOSING REMARKS / BENEDICTION

Pastor Austin Humphreys

GRAND FINALE

Soloist, Saxophone and Band



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A FUTURE OF PROMISE