

CHRISTOPHER C. THOMPSON

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Profile

Creative, community-focused leader possessing exceptional communication skills; with a passion for finding solutions and developing resources and spaces to aide in the growth and development of communities as well as individuals.



Education

- Doctor of Ministry, 12/15 United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH.
- Master of Arts, Pastoral Studies 5/09 Oakwood University Huntsville, AL GPA 3.74
- Elementary Education Cert., Southern Adventist University Collegedale, TN 04-05 GPA 3.74
- Bachelor of Arts, Theology 5/04 Oakwood University Huntsville, AL GPA 3.46

Professional Experience

January 2019-Present

Oakwood University

Adjunct Professor of Religion

- Conducted undergraduate and graduate studies for the Urban Ministry and general studies program; teaching courses like Ministry to the 21st Century Urbanite, World Religions, Intro. to the Bible, etc.

October 2018-Present

Breath of Life TV/Adventist Media Center

Communication & Marketing Director

- Lead publicist and crisis mgmt. specialist for Dr. Carlton P. Byrd. Co-authored two pocket (sharing) books. Coordinated marketing campaign for ABC network TV special that reached 8 million homes.

June 2017-October 2018

Southeastern Conference of SDA

Director of Communications

- Brand mgmt. & marketing leader. Revived and expanded conference magazine. Led a team of <20 communication/media team members and contractors. Managed 6-figure dept. expense budget.

November 2014-July 2017

Allegheny West Conference of SDA

Pastor; Hillcrest SDA Church

- Led and completed \$125,000 renovation project. Revitalized youth, young adult and children's ministries. Redeveloped church communications systems. Instituted prayer ministry.

January 2012-November 2014

Allegheny West Conference of SDA

Associate Pastor; Ephesus SDA Church

- Redeveloped communications & media systems along with social media network profiles. Middle school Language Arts teacher at Columbus Adventist Academy.

February 2010- December 2011
Pastor; Berean SDA Church

Allegheny West Conference of SDA

- Recruited youth and small group specialist to increase and enhance spiritual development among youth and young adults in church and community.

August 2007- December 2011
Pastor; Rock of Faith SDA Church

Allegheny West Conference of SDA

- Designed and implemented church board operating structure. Implemented annual Family Life Weekend. Designed inner city after school and summer mentoring program for kids.

June 2006-August 2007
Associate Pastor; Madison Mission SDA Church

South Central Conference of SDA

- Designed and directed discipling curriculum for new members. Taught “Fundamentals” class for new members. Also, managed full pastoral responsibilities of the Triana SDA Church.

May 2004-May 2006
Principal/ Head Teacher; Beaufort SDA School

Carolina Conference of SDA

- Doubled student enrollment. Improved student-staff ratio from 14/1 to 4/1. Expanded school’s learning space. Revived Parent-Teacher Association. Developed Employee Manual.

Publications

Academic

- *A Cultural Sensitivity and Missional Training Module for Lay-Leaders in Preparation for Ministry to Hip-Hop Culture* – United Theological Seminary, 2015
- *Disciplemaking: An in-depth look at process evangelism and how churches can win new converts and disciple them to full maturity through spiritual mentoring* – Oakwood University, 2009

Film

- “Good Grief” Full documentary surveying the lives of six survivors of traumatic exp. and their coping process. 2012. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKfUOTjIRcU>

Books

- *Gone*, Breath of Life TV; 2020
- *Free*, Breath of Life TV; 2019
- *Stop the Violence*, The Growth Network; 2019
- *360° Christian*, AdventSource; 2012
- *Training Days*, Spirit Reign; 2012
- *My Savior and My Lord*, AdventSource; 2009

Articles (selected)

- “In Defense of Culturally-Defined Churches” *Adventist Today* Winter 2017 AT Foundation
- “Profile of a Protester” *Message Magazine* January/February 2017 Pacific Press
- “Love Song” *Message Magazine* July/August 2016 Pacific Press
- “Taking the Stress out of Sermon Prep” September 12, 2016 NAD Ministerial
- “Creating Virtual Worship Spaces” January, 2016 NAD Ministerial
- “The Least of These” *Ministry* 87, no. 3, 2015
- “4 Questions for Henry Wright” July, 2015 NAD Ministerial
- “Giving Church Another Shot” *Message Magazine* May 27, 2015 [www.messagemagazine\[.\]com](http://www.messagemagazine.com)
- “Invited Yet Unwelcome” *Message Magazine* September/October 2014 Review & Herald
- “Can God Use Hip-Hop?” *Regional Voice* Summer 2014 Office of Regional Conf. Ministry
- “Triumph after Trauma” *Message Magazine* May/June 2013 Review & Herald
- “Ministry to the Depressed” *Best Practices for Adventist Ministry*: January 14, 2013, NAD Ministerial

Audio

- Breath of Fresh Air - Co-creator, producer July 2020
- PELC PowerTools Podcast - Co-creator, producer - Jan 2015 - June 2017

Periodicals

- Southeastern Sentinel - Creator, Editor - August 2017- Present
- Southern Tidings - Contributing Editor - August 2017 - Present
- PELC PowerTools Newsletter - Creator, Editor - Aug 2014 - June 2017

Websites

- www.breathoflife.tv (Primary site administrator and content manager)
- www.oucsda.org (Site administrator and content manager)
- www.secsda.org (Primary site administrator and content manager)
- www.pelcpower.com (Administrator, editor for site, “Engage” and “Powerpoints” blogs)
- www.thegrowthnetwork.org (Creator, editor for site, “Growth Spurt” and “HHH” blogs)

Community Involvement

- 2014-2017: Hill District Minister’s Alliance, Member, Vice President, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2012-2014: Columbus Adventist Academy Basketball Coach, Columbus, OH
- 2011: Northside Coalition for Fair Housing, Board Member, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2009-2011: Univ. of Pitt. ASLC; Advisory Board Member, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2009-2011: City Charter High School; Volunteer Support Staff, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2008-2011: Jefferson Recreation Center; Volunteer Mentor, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2007-2008: Oliver High School; Volunteer Athlete Support, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2007-2010: Head Basketball Coach, teen & young men’s division, AWC of SDA., OH & PA
- 2006-2007: Oakwood Academy; Asst. Varsity Basketball Coach, Huntsville, AL

Personal

- Happily married to Tracy Monique Harris (15 yrs.) 1 Son: Christopher Charles II (10 yrs.)
- Ran PGH Marathon in 3 hrs. 55 mins. & the Columbus Marathon 3 hrs. 41 mins.
- Besides long distance running, other sports include basketball, tennis, and cycling.
- Other interests include: painting, drawing, photography, media development.