

Cherise Gardner

A native of the beautiful Islands of the Bahamas, Cherise Gardner has dedicated her life to empowering others, especially young people. She was drawn to the idea of serving the Lord in some aspect of ministry around the age of five, when she decided to become a pastor like her grandfather.

Cherise attended Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. After graduating she served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve, where she learned skills in leadership and responsibility. Cherise went on to earn a Master of Arts in Religion from La Sierra University with a concentration in Christian Social Ethics.

Cherise has served in many roles in both the church and community, but perhaps the greatest enrichment to her ministry came from her experience working under Clifford and Freddie Harris at the Drug Alternative Program. It was there she learned to compassionately minister to the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of people. She is now happily pursuing her childhood dream as the Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry at the Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Working with the young people and families of the church has been one of the highlights in her life. She also volunteers as a youth leader for the Pathfinder Club and works closely with the A+ Adventist Children's Center associated with Glendale City Church.

Cherise is blessed to be both the wife and best friend of Hugh Gardner for the past fourteen years. Together they are raising her 4 year old niece, Katelyn, who is their pride and joy.

*Ordination
to the
Gospel Ministry*

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Sabbath, April 27, 2013
4:00 p.m.

Glendale City
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Glendale, California



“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, ‘Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.’ For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”

Romans 10:10-15

*ALL ARE INVITED TO A RECEPTION IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE*

Prelude	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i> – J. G. Walther	Kemp Smeal <i>Organist, Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Invitation to Celebrate		Elder Todd Leonard <i>Senior Pastor, Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>Psalm 92:1-5; 10-15</i>	Don Greathouse <i>Head Elder, Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Invocation		Elder Doug Schultz <i>Chair, Council of Elders, Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Presentation of Candidate		Elder Gerard Kiemeney <i>Director, Los Angeles Metro Region, Southern California Conference</i>
Special Music	<i>Praise His Holy Name</i> – K. Hampton	Sanctuary Choir <i>Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Biography/Video Biography		Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Harris <i>Co-Directors, DAP Drug Alternative Program</i>
Affirmation of Congregation		Elder Leif Lind <i>Church Administrator, Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Special Music	<i>Chantez Alleluia</i> – Dave & Jean Perry <i>Ain't That Good News</i> – arr. Moses Hogan	Youth Choir <i>Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Homily		Elder Larry L. Caviness <i>President, Southern California Conference</i>
Call to Ministry		Elder Rudy Torres <i>Pastor Emeritus, Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Ministerial Charge		Elder James G. Lee, Jr. <i>Vice President, Southern California Conference</i>
Ordination Prayer		Elder Smuts Van Rooyen <i>Former Senior Pastor, Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Special Music	<i>When the Saints</i> arr. J. Rutter	Sanctuary Choir <i>Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Welcome to Ministry		Elder Myriam Salcedo-Gonzalez <i>Senior Pastor, All Nations SDA Church</i>
Presentation of Credentials		Elder Velino A. Salazar <i>Executive Secretary, Southern California Conference</i>
Hand of Fellowship		Ordained Ministers
Music of Dedication	<i>Oh, I Want to Know You More</i> – S. Fry	Daniel Chaney <i>Tenor, Sanctuary Choir, Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Response		Elder Cherise Gardner <i>Associate Pastor, Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Benediction		Dr. Fritz Guy <i>Research Professor of Philosophical Theology, La Sierra University</i>
Blessing	<i>Spirit Now Live in Me</i> – B. J. Leech	Sanctuary Choir <i>Glendale City SDA Church</i>
Postlude	<i>Water Music Suite - Hornpipe</i> – G. F. Handel	Kemp Smeal <i>Organist, Glendale City SDA Church</i>