

41st Annual Clinton YMCA

Youth Prayer Breakfast

March 4-8, 2019 - 7:00 am



**BROAD STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



Seth Buckley

Monday, March 4



Seth is a dynamic Youth Minister and has been with First Baptist Church Spartanburg as Minister of Students since December of 1996. He graduated from Furman University and received his Master of Arts from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served several churches...all in the great Palmetto state and he is a consultant for the SC Baptist Convention. Seth was born in Mississippi, raised in South Carolina and loves Alabama..... Married to an Easley girl, Seth has a beautiful wife Robin, and 4 exciting boys and a beautiful daughter-in-law...Jacob and Sloane, Caleb, Eli, and Micah! Seth loves sharing the Good News!!

Tuesday, March 5

Paul Butler

Paul Butler is an internationally renowned speaker, presenter, instructor, and entertainer. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communication with a concentration in Culture and Communication, as well as an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. He excels in the areas of motivation, leadership, and attitude empowerment. During his 27 years of law enforcement, he has been a public servant, training officer, sergeant, crisis negotiator, chief of police, and chief deputy. These opportunities have given him a unique perspective on a vast array of situations and circumstances that many people find themselves in every day. These experiences have helped him to develop the answers to questions and cures to problems most people are facing at work and in life on a continual basis.

Paul became the chief of police of the Aynor Police Department at 22 years of age, making him the youngest police chief in the history of South Carolina. Born and raised on a small farm, his parents served as examples of hard work, common sense, personal responsibility, and respect for self and others. He believes the power of a positive attitude can take you to the top or help you simply find happiness and pride in the current role you fill. A healthy attitude is often the key to both personal and professional success-this has certainly been the key to Paul's success.



Shep Shepherd

Wednesday, March 6



One of 15 siblings, growing up Shep endured challenges that most would only encounter through the fictional medium of television. As a result, his transparent and impactful story has captivated thousands, subsequently leading people to transformed lives in droves.

As a former student-athlete, Shep was blessed to participate on every level of competition. He experienced massive success on the football field, but maintains that his proudest accomplishment was earned in the classroom by being the first in his family to graduate from college. Upon graduation, he was then blessed to train in the National Football League. It was after completing his football career that Shep was propelled into his life's work of delivering hope through his speaking to audiences around the world. Shep served as an FCA Character Coach for seven years, with tentures in Atlanta, at the University of Michigan, Pitt, and the University of Arizona along the way.

His presentations are as relevant as they are timeless. His influence is global. He is one of the leading authorities today on Hope and Transformation. His philosophy is simple: Tough times do not last, Tough people do! He was born in the hood, but he is now reaching the world... He is Mr. C.L. "Shep" Shepherd.

Thursday, March 7

Carl H. Sharperson, Jr.

Carl Sharperson Jr. is a **Leadership Innovation Strategist, speaker, author, and coach.** He specializes in taking leaders from mediocre to maximizing their potential in work and personal life. He is passionate about this message because he understands that *most people are working at only 50% capacity due to lack of clear leadership and development.* He transforms his audience and coaching clients through his proprietary **Sharp Leadership** coaching process as well as drawing from his unique experiences the military, Corporate America and entrepreneurship.

A graduate of the United States Naval Academy and a former United States Marine Corps pilot with a BS in Engineering, Carl documented those experiences in the books *Short Rations for Marines* and *For My Sons and Brothers*. Following his service, he went on to hold a number of senior sales and operational positions with a number of large companies. As a speaker, Carl travels nationally with the Navy's Speaking Bureau, inspiring students to investigate the military training, as well as sharing his message of leadership innovation with colleges, churches, conferences, and corporations.

Carl and his wife make their home in the upstate of SC, and are proud parents of a son and daughter.



Steven Evans

Friday, March 8



Steven is a product of the inner city of Greenville, SC and a mentee of some of its greatest community leaders. Growing up in some of the more economically challenged neighborhoods of Greenville, but being educated in some of the more affluent communities, Steven embraced an early call to fight for the disenfranchised and the voiceless. He is a pastor, community organizer, consultant, and social justice activist. The Clinton community knows him as the former pastor of Friendship AME Church and the columnist for The Clinton Chronicle's "Community Consciousness."

Steven completed his undergraduate studies at Berea College in Berea, KY and his graduate degree at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, SC. He is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal church, and in addition to serving as a pastor, he has served as a statistician, conference secretary, conference trustee, and General Conference delegate. Steven

has been the chair of the Committee on the State of the Country for the Piedmont Annual Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church. Thus, he has been able to facilitate social and political awareness and action in relation to local and national needs.

Steven has been voted Best Pastor by the readership of the Clinton Chronicle and Pastor of the Year for the Piedmont Annual Conference of the AME Church. In 2018, he was named one of the Upstate's Black History Makers for 107.3 JAMZ. Steven, his wife Jessica, and their four daughters currently serve as the senior servant leaders for St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Irmo, SC.