

A portrait of Alvin M. Kibble, an older man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is smiling and has his hands clasped in front of him. The background is a dark red, textured surface.

THE  
**ALVIN M. KIBBLE**  
CHRONICLES

LIFE SKETCH AND MEMORIAL PROGRAM



A portrait of Elder Alvin Maurice Kibble, an older man with glasses, a mustache, and a goatee, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

# ELDER ALVIN MAURICE KIBBLE

**SUNRISE**  
DECEMBER 17, 1946

**SUNSET**  
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MEMORIAL SERVICE  
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# PROEM

This book is a narrative story that includes the memorial program. It chronicles the life of Elder Alvin Maurice Kibble from birth to pastoring, then to church administration, and his life after.

In the title, I use the word Chronicle as I've done with the memorial tribute books for Elder Meade Van Putten and Dr. Harold Lee. Elder Alvin Kibble's tribute book joins these others in a tradition of creating incredible memorial tribute programs to celebrate the lives of those dear to us who have contributed significantly to the community, the Seventh-day Adventist Church organization, and the advancement of the Regional Conference ministries—beyond the norm of life's hyphen. Though these books serve as a memorial to incredible human beings, they also set the tone and create a guiding light for those behind to follow.

As the Kibble family grieves the loss of a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and others mourn the passing of a dear friend or colleague in ministry, collectively, we can all appreciate the contributions of this amazing life.

— *Ld. Venroy V. Joseph*



# A CELEBRATION

## OF THE LIFE OF ELDER ALVIN MAURICE KIBBLE

*Officiating Minister: Dr. Emil Peeler, Pastor  
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**MUSICAL PRELUDE** — Russel Paul, Northeastern Conference

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Old Testament Reading* — Elder Colin Brathwaite  
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Isaiah 40:28-31 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

**28** Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.



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He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.

**29** He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.

**30** Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;

**31** but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

*New Testament Reading — Elder Ronald Reeves, Pastor  
Allegheny East Conference of Seventh-day Adventists*

Philippians 2:1-7 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

**1** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2** then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. **3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

**5** In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

**6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

**7** rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

**CELEBRATORY HYMN — Dr. Jesse Wilson, Director  
Bradford • Cleveland • Brooks Leadership Center  
“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”**

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**GREETINGS/REMARKS** — Dr. Emil Peeler, *Pastor*  
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*“Lord You’re Holy”*

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*Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church*  
“I Want To See Jesus Don’t You”

**PRAYER OF COMFORT** — Dr. Mark McCleary, *Retired Pastor*  
*Allegheny East Conference of Seventh-day Adventists*

**PRAYER RESPONSE** — Dr. Jesse Wilson  
“More Love To Thee Oh Christ/God Is”

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Dr. David Weigley, *President*  
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*“It Is Well/’Tis So Sweet” — Piano Tribute*

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Pine Forge Academy Alumni and Choir, Jeremy Winston, Director  
“The Lord Be Praised”*

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TO JEWEL WITH LOVE

Mrs. Linda Penick, *Pastors Evangelism Leadership Council*  
*Clergy Spouse Coordinator*

TO SANTO AND JASON WITH LOVE

Elder Andre Campbell and Kelli Robinson Collins, *Family Friends*

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MUSICAL SELECTION — Lisa Robinson Vaughan

*“Just a Prayer Away”*

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Teri Taylor, *Close Family Friend*

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and Students, Jeremy Winston, *Director*

*“O for A Faith”*

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**MUSICAL SELECTION** — Stacy Campbell Marshall  
*“Jesus Led Me All The Way”*

**EULOGY** — Dr. Carlton Byrd, *President*  
*Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists*

**MUSICAL SELECTION** — Evelyn Fordham Goodman  
*“With a Made Up Mind”*

**VIDEO OF ELDER KIBBLE**  
*“When Ministry Seems Meaningless”*

**BENEDICTION** — Dr. Ivan Williams, *Ministerial Director*  
*North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists*

**RECESSIONAL SONG** — Dr. Jesse Wilson and Congregation  
*“By and By”*

**RECESSIONAL**  
*Family exits followed by the congregation*



## ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels  
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed  
3 Let ev - ery tongue and ev - ery tribe re - spon - sive  
4 Oh, that with all the sa - cred thron'g we at his

pros - trate fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,  
from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,  
to his call, to him all maj - es - ty as - crite,  
feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song.

*Refrain*

and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all!

Text: st. 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1780,  
alt.; st. 4, John Rippon, 1787, alt.  
Tune: William Shrubsole, 1779.

## BY AND BY WHEN THE MORNING COMES

By and by, when the mor-ning comes, When the saints of

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

God are ga-thered home, We will tell the sto - ry

The second system of musical notation, continuing the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

how we've o-ver-come; We will un-der-stand it bet-ter by and by.

The third and final system of musical notation for this page. It concludes the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Text: Charles A. Tindley, 1851-1933;  
alt. and arr. B. B. McKinney, 1886-1952  
Tune: Charles A. Tindley, 1851-1933;  
alt. and arr. B. B. McKinney, 1886-1952



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## MORE LOVE TO THEE O CHRIST/GOD IS

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!

God is the joy and the strength of my life  
(God is) He removes all pain misery and strife  
(God is) He promised to keep me  
Never to leave me

He'll never ever come short of His word  
(God is) I've got to fast and pray  
Stay in this narrow way  
(God is) Keep my life clean every day  
I want to go with him when He comes back  
I've come to far  
And I'll never turn back  
God is  
God is  
God is  
God is (oh, God is)  
God is my all and all  
God is, yes He is  
God is my all and all  
God is my all and all

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Jarrett Roseborough and the  
Pine Forge Academy Choir

Dr. Carlton Byrd, *President*  
Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

We, the family of Elder Alvin Maurice Kibble, express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your presence here today and for the many expressions of love and kindness shown to us during this time of profound sorrow.

We particularly thank Dr. Donovan Washington and the Kansas Avenue Family for their support and hospitality, our vast village of friends and loved ones, and especially today's service participants, who shared their exceptional talents to honor our beloved Alvin in such a meaningful way.

Please continue to pray for our family as we face the mournful days ahead. We love you!

— *The Kibble Family*



FORMAL  
**TRIBUTES**





REPLY TO  
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22 October 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Kibble Family

FROM: The Office of the Chief of Chaplain  
2700 Army Pentagon, Rm 3E524  
Washington DC 20310-6608

SUBJECT: Official Letter of Condolence: **RE: Elder Alvin M. Kibble**

At a time when our Nation is committed to several major conflicts across the spectrum of our globe, there are perhaps several Seventh-day Adventists who would have loved to be there to pay respect to a Christian soldier who served valiantly with so many. As the senior Seventh-day Adventist Chaplain on duty here at the Pentagon, I wish to extend my deepest condolences to the Kibble family on the recent death of your husband, father, friend, and a mentor to so many.

On behalf of our Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Lloyd Austin, and our Commander-In-Chief Joseph R. Biden, please accept this condolence letter as an indication of our country's respect for a life, which was defined by comprehensive service to so many.

There is much evidence that Alvin was a man of high integrity who served like many, his God, his family, and his country with honor in his own way. If the lives of Jason and Santo are any indication of his influence, there is no question in my mind, that on that great morning we will stand united to salute our ultimate Commander-in-Chief, the Lord Jesus.

It was my honor to coordinate my father's funeral, and my mother's burial and indeed it was painful. I understand the profound pain and loss of such an important person in the lives of so many. While your husband, father, and brother to so many now sleeps peacefully awaiting the return of our Lord Jesus, let us all reflect on our own relationship with our God. Though there is sorrow now, one day every tear will be wiped away, there will be no more death, nor pain, and we shall all gather on the Sea of Glass and sing praises to our God.

My prayer for your family is that you would place your hope in Jesus and rejoice for that day when the graves are opened, and we are joined once again with those we love including Alvin who have gone to sleep in our Lord. What a glorious day that will be! May the grace and peace of God be with you at this difficult time. I respectfully send God's blessings to each of you, even now.

Dr. Andrew R. Harewood  
Chaplain (Brigadier General), United States Army  
Deputy Chief of Chaplains & Director: Strategy, Plans, Policy, Resources, Solider  
Family Readiness.

PRO DET ET PATRIA, FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



Dear Jewel and Kibble Family:

I was very saddened to hear of the passing of your dear husband, Alvin Kibble. What a painful loss to you, your family, friends, and everyone who knew him. I am sure he will be deeply missed.

Pastor Kibble was an incredible leader and mentor. He loved the Lord and the Advent message. The Lord worked through him during his many years of faithful service to Him and the Adventist Church. His long career as a pastor, administrator in various capacities, and vice president of the North American Division was remarkable, and we are very grateful for his commitment to the Lord and His mission. Only in heaven will we learn of all those who were blessed by his presence and influence.

On behalf of the world church, please accept my deep condolences and heartfelt sympathy. Nancy and I have prayed for you and the family. It is encouraging to know that Jesus is coming soon and to count on the Christian hope of eternal life as well as His provisions for us to have an abundant life while here on earth.

May the promise found in Revelation 21:4 be fulfilled by the Lord very soon! *"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away"* (NKJV). What a happy picture that lies ahead, through God's grace, when we soon meet our Savior face-to-face and rejoice with our loved ones from whom we have been separated!

May the Comforter come especially close to you at this time, bringing the hope of the soon second coming of Christ when we reunite with Pastor Kibble and all our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Jesus!

With kind Christian regards and sincerely yours,

Ted N. Wilson  
President

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## A TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF ELDER ALVIN M. KIBBLE

To Our Dear Jewel and Kibble Family:

On behalf of Desiree, myself, and the entire North American Division family, we express our deepest and heartfelt condolences for the loss of your beloved husband, dad, grandfather, brother, and loved one.

Elder Alvin Kibble was a stalwart spiritual giant. He stood out among his peers and colleagues because of his knowledge, compassion, and ability to speak truth to power no matter the circumstances.

He was the consummate statesman and visionary leader who inspired us all. Elder Kibble displayed a remarkable ability as a life-long learner. He was always ahead of his time and on the cutting edge of technology and the latest methods that could be employed to advance God's Kingdom. We all came to rely upon his wisdom and insightful counsel on multiple issues facing the church and our personal lives.

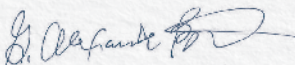
In the NAD, he was always ahead of the crowd. He believed in not skating to where the "puck" is but skating to where you think it was going to be, a famous quote that he referenced a lot in being a visionary.

He was a friend, a colleague, and a brother. I looked to him and counted on his wise counsel and encouragement. I and so many others will gravely miss him in this life.

Jewel, he loved you and his family deeply, which I know you know, but I want you to know he talked about you around us enough that we also knew it.

Elder Kibble deeply believed in His God and His soon return. He preached it, he lived it, and he looked eagerly to seeing His Lord and Savior. So, I leave with you this passage he often referenced. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thess. 4:13-18, *KJV*

Respectfully,



G. Alexander Bryant, DMin, President  
North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear family and friends of Elder Alvin Kibble,

*"Make every stroke count. Take deadly aim — aim as if your life depended on it. What you're doing is so valuable and important for this church. Don't waste anything. And don't spend your time complaining about what you don't have, when you have the forces of heaven backing you up."*

These aren't just the words of a fellow golf enthusiast; these are the words of an experienced practitioner who followed his own counsel.

These are the words of a brother and believer who served his beloved Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than 50 years.

These are the words of a dedicated disciple of Christ who served with distinction, passion and relentless resilience. And we are all the better for having known and served with him.

Elder Alvin Kibble came from a legacy of ministry and leadership and left an even larger footprint. He served in the Columbia Union for 31 years—as an Allegheny East Conference pastor, executive secretary, vice president and president. Coupled with his ensuing years at the North American Division, he became a fixture and force, trusted mentor and friend, and a respected spiritual leader and counselor. Because of his many years of service, he was imbued with terabytes of institutional knowledge. It was at the microphone during many a meeting that he brought timely wisdom, clarity and balance.

He will be missed and remembered, and we look forward to the day when we will meet him on the sea of glass.

Until that day, my fellow officers and I, along with the Columbia Union office family, send our love and prayers to Jewel and family. May you be comforted by the many messages of love and support, and by the blessed hope of Christ's soon return.

Courage,

Dave Weigley, PhD, MBA,  
President

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Dear Mrs. Kibble:

Greetings.

Please accept my sincere, albeit belated condolences on behalf of Mrs. Edmond and our entire office on the loss of your husband and my mentor, Elder Alvin M. Kibble.

Many years ago, a young Pastor came to be the Baccalaureate speaker for my 9th grade graduation at Raman Jr. Academy, in Cleveland, Ohio. That young Pastor was Elder Kibble. I had no idea then of the direction that my life would take or the major impact that Elder Kibble would have on my life and on this church.

Elder Kibble was a major source of inspiration and encouragement to me in the various administrative roles that I have the privilege of having in this church. It is impossible to state how much I learned from him and how blessed I was by him. Even in his retirement, he continued to pour into me. I suppose it was because he had so much to give.

But even though he was so knowledgeable, he never gave the impression that he thought he was that way. He had the unique ability to share his abundant expertise while giving the impression that he was learning from you.

Elder Kibble was one of the truly iconic figures in the Regional Conference work and in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He shall be greatly missed but he shall be soon seen. I am sure I shall continue to talk with him and learn from him throughout eternity.

May the sure promise of the Blessed Hope sustain you and your family in the days and see is to come. I shall look forward to seeing you at Elder Kibble's service in Maryland.

Blessings,

Elder Dana C. Edmond  
Executive Director  
Office for Regional Conference Ministries



Dear Mrs. Jewel Kibble, the Kibble family and friends:

A stalwart soldier of the Gospel has fallen in the person of Elder Alvin Kibble. Our hearts grieve and we deeply feel the loss.

Let this letter of condolence to his wife, sons, family and friends speak to his exemplary ministry and well-lived life. He was a truly loved and respected friend. We rejoice that he finished his course and faithfully advanced the Adventist Church, Oakwood University and the Regional work, all that he loved so much.

I will cherish the recent memories of when I had the privilege to interview him for the Regional Conference Retirement Plan earlier this year, and the time Susan and I visited Alvin and Jewel in their home. Most recently we spent time with him in the hospital at Loma Linda. We loved Alvin and will miss him.

Elder Kibble's legacy is fixed. He was a preacher of righteousness, a helper of all people, especially those who may have been marginalized. He was a compassionate friend, champion of justice, a brilliant strategist, an advocate of the Black work and Regional Conferences and just a good man.

His ministry footprint is well-established and will be an inspiration and motivation for leaders and members for years to come.

God bless the family with divine comfort as we all look forward to seeing Alvin in the Earth made new.

With prayers of love and support.

Blessings,

*Delbert W Baker*

Delbert W. Baker, PhD  
Regional Conference Retirement Plan  
Dudley Center for Regional Conference Ministries



Dear Mrs. Jewel L. Kibble and Family,

We write to you today with a heavy heart to extend on behalf of the Allegheny East Conference our deepest condolences on the passing of Elder Alvin Maurice Kibble, a cherished leader who exemplified servant leadership. We bid farewell to a true luminary in our community with profound sadness.

Elder Kibble was not just a dedicated servant of our faith but also a loving family person who touched the lives of many with warmth and compassion. His legacy will forever be etched in the hearts of our congregations across the conference, and his contributions to our organization will be remembered with reverence.

He started his ministry in 1969 as an assistant pastor at the Berea Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church in Baltimore, MD, and has consistently contributed to the ministry of our conference since then. Elder Kibble served as an administrator in our conference for over a decade and a half and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to our shared beliefs during his twelve years as our president. His leadership was marked by wisdom, humility, and a profound sense of duty, which inspired all those around him. Under his guidance, our organization flourished and expanded its reach, touching the lives of countless individuals who sought solace and spiritual guidance.

We mourn the loss of a great spiritual leader, but we also acknowledge that his spirit and teachings will continue to guide us in the future. In this time of grief, please know that the entire Allegheny East Conference community is here to support and comfort you.

May you find strength in the love and memories you shared with Elder Kibble. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your sorrow is our sorrow, and we are united in this time of grief. However, we know we have this hope of reuniting once more in the earth made new.

With heartfelt sympathy and love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcellus J. Robinson".

Dr. Marcellus T. Robinson  
*President*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary L. Wimbish".

Gary L. Wimbish  
*Vice President  
for Administration*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence E. Martin".

Lawrence E. Martin  
*Vice President  
for Finance*



Seventh-day Adventist Church  
ALLEGHENY WEST CONFERENCE

To the Family and Friends of Elder Alvin Kibble,

Our entire family here at Allegheny West Conference was profoundly saddened to hear of the passing of Elder Alvin Kibble. He served this church with distinction. His unwavering dedication, passion, and commitment to the church were evident in every aspect of his work. He was a remarkable gentle giant whose prophetic Christ-centered messages were **Poignant! Pointed! and Passionate!** There is no way to put into words what Elder Alvin Kibble meant to us. A void has not only been left in our hearts but on earth as well.

In the book *Spiritual Gifts, Volume 1*, we are told that the “Graves were opened, and those who had died in faith under the third angel’s message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law.”

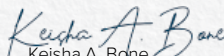
In times like these, we not only need a Savior, we have a Savior.

On behalf of our entire Allegheny West Conference family, you have our earnest prayers and deepest condolences.

Sincerely,

  
Marvin C. Brown III  
President

  
Joel E. Johnson  
Executive Vice President

  
Keisha A. Bone  
Chief Financial Officer



Seventh-day Adventist Church  
BERMUDA CONFERENCE

Dear Mrs. Kibble & Family:

We are very sorry to hear about the death of your beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend, Pastor Alvin Maurice Kibble. We know this is a great loss to you and the entire family.

The passing of your loved one has not gone unnoticed by God for He is the author and giver of life. He knows about the pain of separation and Jesus the Lifegiver has a plan and a promise to one day destroy death and give those who love Him everlasting life. The psalmist says, "Weeping endureth but a night, but joy cometh in the morning" Psalms 30:5.

Pastor Kibble is now resting in Jesus, but in a little while, "the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord." (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17). Oh, it will be such a glorious day, when by God's grace you shall meet again with your loved one to never separate again.

We hope that time and happy memories will help lessen the burden of your sorrow and that you may draw a measure of comfort knowing that we are lifting you and your family in prayer.

May God keep you steadfast in His grace and love until the glorious morning of the great resurrection.

With kind Christian regards and sincerely yours,

  
Kenneth Manders  
President

  
W. DeJuan Tull  
Executive Secretary

  
Robert Patterson, Jr.  
Treasurer/CFO

  
Roslyn Amory  
Administrative Assistant

  
Sherma Webbe Clarke  
Departmental Secretary



Seventh-day Adventist Church  
CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE

To The Family of Elder Alvin M. Kibble,

We, the Administration, workers, and the members of the Central States Conference Family, would like to express our deepest condolences to you on the loss of you dear husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and our dear friend, Elder Kibble. We mourn his loss with you today but not as those without hope. We are grateful for the blessed hope that reminds us that weeping will endure for this night, but joy will come, and a wonderful reunion will come in the morning.

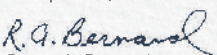
It is indeed with sadness that a life worthy of imitation has expired. A man whose example we can follow for he lived for the Lord. A void is left of which we must ask ourselves, who will now fill the shoes of this faithful worker and servant of the Lord who has touched and had a profound impact on so many lives?

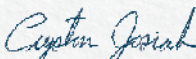
Quick Story: Our Conference Vice-President for Administration, Cryston Josiah, remembers when he was an unsponsored recent graduate of Andrews Theological Seminary with no call, and Elder Kibble was willing to interview he and his wife, Karen, in the lobby of a hotel in South Bend, Indiana, even as he was en route to the 2000 General Conference Session in Toronto, Canada. He willingly encouraged and allowed their son to watch cartoons in his hotel room while he listened attentively to our call to ministry. His nuggets of wisdom were rich, invaluable, and long-lasting. And even though the Josiahs felt called to eventually go west and instead of east, 5 years later Elder Kibble preached for their ordination service in Kansas City, and blessed them once again as a colleague and mentor in ministry.

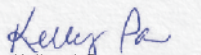
As a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Elder Alvin Kibble was faithful to the cause of proclaiming Jesus' soon return. He was faithful in supporting the world church and its services through the many years of Christian leadership he held. We will miss his years of wisdom. We will miss his kind and gentle ways. But above all, we will miss his walk with Jesus. Through Him your experience today can be bittersweet. Bitter by the loss of his voice, his smile, but sweet at the thought that through Christ's sacrifice we can be reunited with Elder Kibble and those we love.

To his family, we assure you of a better day after a while, when weeping will give way to joy, and sorrow will be a long-forgotten memory. Until then, let us be faithful as he was faithful and let us close ranks, pressing together in Christian service. As you mourn, hold on to each other and above all, hold on to Christ. Hold your heads high and let your tears of sorrow mingle with tears of joy for at the midnight cry Christ cometh, and we'll be going home. Until that time keep looking up.

On behalf of the Central States Conference family and as the Regional Presidents' Chairperson,

  
Roger A. Bernard  
President

  
Cryston E. Josiah  
Vice President  
for Administration

  
Kelley J. Paris  
Vice President for Finance



Seventh-day  
Adventist Church  
LAKE REGION CONFERENCE



Dear Mrs. Jewel Kibble and Family

I hope this letter finds you in a moment of peace and solace, even as I understand that no words can fully alleviate the profound grief that you and your family are experiencing. It is with a heavy heart that I extend my deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved husband, Elder Alvin M. Kibble.

The news of Elder Kibble's passing was truly heartbreaking. He was a remarkable leader in our denomination and his absence leaves an irreplaceable void in all our lives. The memory and the legacy of leadership of Elder Kibble will forever be etched in our hearts. Which is a direct testament to his upbringing as his father, Elder Harvey Kibble, left an indelible mark of greatness as president of the Lake Region Conference from 1951-1961.

I have had the privilege of witnessing the positive impact Elder Kibble had on everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. His Christ-like example, kindness, and unwavering support to all of the Regional Conferences in the North American Division were qualities that endeared him to all. Elder Kibble had an exceptional ability to make people feel special and cherished, and his legacy will continue to inspire us to be better individuals.

In this time of grief, please remember that you are not alone. As you navigate this difficult journey of mourning, may you find strength and comfort as we hold onto the blessed hope that we will see him again when Jesus comes and He shall wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Please know that the thoughts and prayers of the entire Lake Region Conference are with you. Elder Alvin M. Kibble was an exceptional individual, and his memory will live on in our hearts.

May God continue to give you comfort and grace during this difficult time.

In Faithful Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garth Gabriel".

Garth Gabriel  
Pastor/President



Mrs. Jewel Kibble  
Children and Grandchildren of Elder Alvin Kibble  
Extended Kibble and Winston Families

I greet you today in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our hearts are deeply saddened by the passing of Elder Alvin M. Kibble. It is no stretch to say that he was "one of a kind," even in a church with so many gifted and talented leaders.

Elder Kibble was a scholar and a sage; he was a historian and a chronicler of church polity. It was easy to see, as he went about his ecclesiastical calling, that he was a lover of people. During his fifty-two (52) plus years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, his one goal in life was to help populate the kingdom of heaven. He did so with humility and compassion.

The Administrative team and the extended South Atlantic Conference family join me in extending our deepest condolences. We look forward to seeing our friend, brother, and colleague on that great getting-up morning. Until then, be of good courage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. B. Preston".

Elder C. B. Preston  
President,



Seventh-day Adventist Church  
SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Dear Family,

It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the loss of Elder Alvin M. Kibble. Elder Kibble was a pillar of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and an inspiration to all who knew him. He dedicated over 50 years of his life to serving the Church, and we are forever grateful for his contributions.

As both a seasoned pastor and administrator, Elder Kibble led by example, always putting the needs of others before his own. He lived out his personal mission statement, "Cooperating with God in the work of salvation to live a full, rich, well-balanced, and Christ-centered life of disinterested benevolence with eternity in view," and inspired those around him to do the same.

Elder Kibble's legacy will forever be etched in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved him. He touched countless lives through his leadership of the Regional Conference Black Caucus, where he tirelessly worked to ensure that all members of the Church felt valued and heard.

It has been my privilege to know and be blessed by Elder Kibble for more than thirty years. I had the honor to pastor his mother in the final years of her life. As a young minister, I admired his leadership and insight as he developed his staff as the President of Allegheny East Conference. In recent years he has been a mentor and adviser as I was elected President of South Central. His grasp of the mission, organization, and history of the church was unbelievable. The church has lost a giant and I have lost a friend and a brother.

We extend our deepest condolences to his beloved wife, Jewel, sons Santo and Jason, and four grandchildren. May they find comfort in knowing that Elder Kibble's legacy and influence will live on for generations to come. As we celebrate his life, let us strive to follow in his footsteps, embodying servant leadership and dedicating ourselves to God's work of salvation. We look forward to the Great Reunion when our Savior returns.

Maranatha!

Pastor Benjamin Jones, Jr., President  
South Central Conference



### Letter of Reflection on the Passing of Elder Alvin Maurice Kibble

On behalf of the Southeastern Conference administration, staff, and our extended family of constituents, it is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of Elder Alvin Maurice Kibble, who served the Seventh-day Adventist Church with a lifetime of dedication and leadership.

Elder Kibble's passing marks the end of an era of ministry that spanned more than half a century. His commitment, reflected in his roles as pastor of eight churches and over 35 years in church administration, has left an indelible mark on the church worldwide. Elder Kibble was more than an administrator; he was a beacon of spiritual leadership and guidance for countless souls.

Beyond his professional contributions, the love story between Elder Kibble and his wife, Jewel, which began in 1971, stands as a testament to his dedication, not just to the church but to his family. Their journey together provided a shining example for many of us on how to nurture and sustain both love and faith.

While we mourn his passing, we are comforted by the knowledge that Elder Kibble's legacy will continue to inspire and guide future generations of Adventists. His life was a testament to the power of God in the lives of his faithful servants.

In this time of loss, our prayers and thoughts are with the Kibble family, particularly his beloved Jewel. May they find solace in the outpouring of love and support from the church Elder Kibble served so faithfully.

In Christ's love,

Dr. Michael K. Agyei Owusu  
President  
Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



Seventh-day Adventist Church  
SOUTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE



Dear Mrs. Kibble:

On behalf of myself, my wife, Danielle, and our daughters, Christyn, Caileigh, and Carissa, and the entire Southwest Region Conference Family, I would like to express our deepest condolences to you and your entire family given the passing of your beloved husband, Elder Alvin M. Kibble.

Elder Kibble served the Seventh-day Adventist Church with distinction – ministering, evangelizing, leading, counseling, coaching, training, assisting, and serving unselfishly to the multiple needs of people. Truly, his life epitomized the words of Revelation 14:13, “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.” Be assured that Elder Kibble’s good works do follow him, and I’m confident that on resurrection day, the Lord is going to say, “Well done!”

From a professional perspective, I am deeply indebted to Elder Kibble’s leadership and encouragement during my tenure as Breath of Life Speaker/Director as he served simultaneously as the Breath of Life Board Chairperson. His keen insight and astute counsel greatly benefited the ministry at Breath of Life, coupled with his unwavering support for the adopted ministry plans to advance Breath of Life’s evangelistic initiatives and corresponding financial solvency of the ministry.

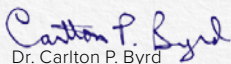
Greater, however, than speaking from a professional perspective, is my need to share from a personal perspective. Words cannot even begin to express what he has meant to me and my family. His affirming counsel, paternal prayers, consistent presence, and unconditional love for me, my wife, and our family is what I will miss most about “Uncle Alvin.”

The great writer, Ralph Waldo Emerson, wrote, “Don’t go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path, and leave a trail.” Uncle Alvin’s life personified this quote. His footprints are forever embedded in our lives, and for this, I’m eternally grateful.

Aunt Jewel, take courage in knowing that we don’t weep as if we have no hope! We have hope in the coming of the Lord! We’ll see Jesus, and we’ll see Uncle Alvin again!

Please know that we love you, and are praying for you.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Carlton P. Byrd  
President

# MESSAGE

## To the Family of Alvin Kibble

Dear Family,

Elder Kibble is the one we turned to for sage advice. He's the one who would make a thoughtful exhortation in times of sorrow, or discouragement. He's the go-to presence that taught us about the ministry of presence. So, in this moment, the very person who would have the right words, is the one *we so wish was here*.

As a kid, I remember visiting your house in Newark, where we played some of the craziest, Saturday night social parlor games I've ever seen. Later, as an adult, I remember going to lunch with Elder Kibble and Elder Norman Miles, and Elder Kibble ordering a fancy blue bottle of . . . water. He led the office Christmas retreats, and took us to the magical Nemaocolin resort where he arranged for the fun, music, the inspiration, and the fellowship. And, he would send us See's Peanut Brittle or a box of chocolates at Christmas. Little things, I know.

Elder Kibble supported and challenged me and our ministry here at Message. By calling, or texting, or chatting in the hallways, he let me know that he was pulling for me, and for that I'll always be grateful. What amused me—in the most respectful way—was his forward-thinking that ran laps around co-workers 20 or 30 years his junior. He stretched himself to research, translate, and incorporate high-level corporate strategy, Big Data, and even AI in what we do.

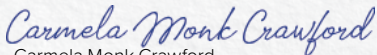
In this moment, I'm most challenged by Elder Kibble's example in support of, and advocacy for, people. I heard him speak up several times for better pay and working conditions for workers in our schools or other institutions.

Elder Kibble once told me that he would arrive at Trinity Temple Church (in Newark, NJ) to find the houseless or the inebriated lying on the church steps, or that people would often wander in off the street during service. There was even a dead body once!

I can still see the grin on Elder Kibble's face when he told me about this, relishing the proximity to real life crisis *and* real life ministry. "I loved it," he told me.

I'm thanking God for our Elder Statesman. Bless him. Bless you. Bless our hearts in this stretch of the journey without him. Grace will see us home. Our prayers will continue with you.

Very Sincerely,



Carmela Monk Crawford  
Editor, *Message*



## **ALUMNI OF ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE**

To the Kibble Family and Our Church Community,

We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Elder Alvin Kibble, a distinguished graduate of Atlantic Union College ('67). On behalf of the Alumni of Atlantic Union College Association, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the Kibble family and our church community during this time of loss.

Pastor Kibble was not only an alumnus of our institution, but he was also a dedicated supporter. He graced our campus with his visits, sharing his wisdom and faith through his inspiring speeches. We take pride in all that he accomplished in the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

His contributions have left a lasting legacy in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kibble family as they navigate through this difficult period. We hope that you find solace in the memories of a remarkable individual who touched the lives of many.

May God's peace and comfort be with you all.

Sincerely,

The Alumni of Atlantic Union College

PO Box 33, South Lancaster, MA 01561  
AlumniofAUC@gmail.com



# PINE FORGE ACADEMY

*excellence is no accident...*

My Dearest Jewel, Santos, Jason, and family:

I write this letter on behalf of the Pine Forge Academy, where I am humbled and honored to be the Chairperson of the Board. This process began with Elder Kibble, who trained me as his "Senatorette" in 1988, an endearing title that he endowed upon me, as I sat under his tutelage and leadership for two terms on the Allegheny East Conference Executive Committee.

Elder Kibble was kind, compassionate, loyal, and a fierce supporter of Pine Forge Academy. This support sometimes led to the Conference having to "do without" to meet Pine Forges' needs. Under his tenure, he coined the idiom that **"Allegheny East's doors would close before the doors of Pine Forge would ever close."**

What makes Elder Kibbles' sacrifice "next level" is the fact that he supported Pine Forge Academy as the Board Chair, with a love second to none, all as a non-graduate of the Academy, how he loved both Pine Forge and Allegheny East with his whole heart. As Board Chair, he took care of his Pine Forge employees and began to oversee the dorm renovations alongside the Vice President for Finance, Elder Lawrence E. Martin. He ensured that the salaries were placed under the conference and streamlined hiring practices to ensure PFA employees were paid on time. His fastidiousness focused on both people AND the appearance of the Academy.

We know that his sacrifices affected each of you in different ways. Jewel, your support was palpable in that you served as a full-time nurse for the Academy and worked with the choir, demonstrating your love for Pine Forge and supporting your husband. For that, we present an enormous gratitude for this sacrifice and support. His dedication to Pine Forge as a Conference President has been unparalleled and unrivaled.

As I close this missive, there are not enough words to share concerning your loss. This massive diminution can only be rectified at the Second Coming, when we will see Jesus first and then Elder Kibble face to face. I long for that time and will be praying that the Comfort of the Holy One who can help you, the precious and all-abiding Holy Spirit, keep you focused on HIM. *"For yet in a very little while, HE who is coming, will come and will not delay."* Hebrews 10:37.

The prayers, love and support of the Pine Forge Academy Family will hold you up until that time.

I Remain,

*Dr. Gina S. Brown*

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# RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELDER ALVIN KIBBLE

“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.”

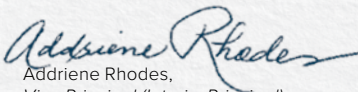
Whereas, Elder Alvin Kibble, former president, and School board Chair for Pine Forge Academy, passed on August 12, 2023.

Whereas, Elder Alvin Kibble was a Godly and active member of the Allegheny East Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church community for many years and freely gave of his time and energy as a faithful congregation member. In as much as he served as a former chair of the Board of Trustees and friend of Pine Forge Academy, be it so resolved

RESOLVED that we wish you and your family to take comfort from these words:  
<sup>13</sup> “Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14) and be it further

RESOLVED that we, the administrators, workers, and staff of Pine Forge Academy, do hereby mourn with you the passing of Elder Kibble, that we rest in the knowledge that one day you will be united with your loved one again in joy and the fullness of God’s mercy.

Humbly submitted by the administrators, workers, and staff of Pine Forge Academy,

  
Addriene Rhodes,  
Vice Principal (Interim Principal)



NATIONAL  
**PINE FORGE ACADEMY**  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear Jewel, Santo, Jason, Family, and Friends;

On behalf of the National Pine Forge Academy Alumni Association, we come together as a united family to extend our deepest condolences to you during this time of profound loss. We mourn the passing of Elder Alvin Kibble, a beloved figure within our community a distinguished leader who served as the Chair of the Pine Forge Academy Board of Trustees and held the esteemed position of former AEC President. Elder Kibble was not only an outstanding leader but also a loving husband and father, a guiding light among leaders, and a dedicated servant. His legacy of service reached far and wide, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In times like these, it's important to remember that our Heavenly Father, the Author and Giver of life, is ever watchful. He understands the pain of separation, and in Jesus, the Lifegiver, we find solace and a promise of eternal life. As the Psalms remind us, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning" (Psalms 30:5).

Elder Kibble is resting in Jesus, but in a little while, "the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord." (1 Thessalonians 4:16,17). It is a day we eagerly await when, by God's grace, you shall reunite with Elder Kibble, never to part again.

We understand that time and cherished memories will gradually lighten the weight of your sorrow. Please find comfort in knowing that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult period. May God's unwavering grace and boundless love sustain you until the glorious morning of the resurrection.

With heartfelt regards and deepest sympathy,

Sokoni Scott  
President

PAUL R. JONES STEM COMPLEX





**To: Mrs. Jewel Kibble; The Family of Elder Alvin Kibble**

c/o Elder Donovan Washington, Senior Pastor  
Kansas Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church  
4491 Kansas Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92507

Greetings and Blessings to all of the Kibble and Winston Families.

Today is both a sad and a hopeful day. Although we openly and silently grieve the death of Elder Alvin M. Kibble, with his passing we are once again reminded of two promises made to us by God: (1) the certain resurrection of the inhabitants of the earth, and (2) eternal life for those who have been declared righteous by the precious blood of Jesus.

Alvin was my first cousin, my ministerial colleague, and my friend. But in reality, he was that and so much more to many along this journey called life. He gave wise counsel, heartfelt encouragement, and conveyed a feeling of "everything's going to be alright!"

Unexpected circumstances interrupted our plans to be with you in person today. I was also tasked with bringing condolences from President C. B. Preston and the South Conference family. But know that Eula and I and the SAC family are with you in heart and in prayer.

Jewel and family, we love you and will see you at other observances in the coming weeks.

With deepest love,

*Bill and Eula Winston*  
Bill and Eula Winston and Family

# The Alvin Maurice Kibble's Story



THE  
CHRONICLES

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# THE CHRONICLES

## CHAPTER 1

### *The Early Years*



**Elder Harvey and Thelma Kibble**

On a cold wintry Tuesday, December 17, 1946, in Hinsdale, Illinois, the youngest of six children of Elder Harvey Ward and Thelma Winston Kibble was born. They named him Alvin Maurice Kibble. Alvin and his sister Ann were often fondly called the “second family” because their four siblings were so much older. The kids were PKs (preacher’s kids), and they had a traditional Seventh-day Adventist upbringing that included welcoming the Sabbath on Friday evening with vespers and closing the Sabbath with evening vespers.

The Kibble family resided in Chicago when Alvin was born. His father pastored the prestigious Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church. After a couple of years, the family moved to Brooklyn, NY, where



**Kibble family with young Alvin in the middle**

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Elder Harvey Kibble pastored the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church. Three years later, Elder Kibble returned to Chicago to become president of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It was here where Alvin's life began to flourish.



**Alvin's Fourth Grade Class**

Alvin's formal education started at Shiloh Elementary School, where he made many lifelong friendships. In those days, there was an expectation for pastors' children to attend Adventist schools

throughout their educational experience, and the Kibble children did just that.

Upon completing elementary school, Alvin attended the Broadview Academy, an Adventist boarding school in La Fox, Illinois, graduating in 1963. Following his high school graduation, he attended Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, matriculating in May 1967 with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology with a minor in History. At Atlantic Union College, Alvin answered the call to ministry, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, father, and older brothers.

After graduating from Atlantic Union College, Alvin attended the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He earned his Master of Divinity in 1969 with a focus in theology and pastoral ministry.



Atlantic Union College

Alvin later married the love of his life, the former Jewel L. Peck of Cleveland, Ohio, a registered nurse, and a musician. They tied the knot on May 30, 1971. From their union, they gave birth to two handsome boys: Santo and Jason.



Alvin and Jewel's wedding



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## Chapter 2

### *A Man of Learning and Substance*



Elder Kibble receiving a Certificate

Devoted to furthering his education, Alvin completed four residencies at the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, and graduated in 1974 from the New York Theological Seminary in New York, NY, with a Master of Sacred Theology in Theology and Urban Ministry.

From Alvin's early pastoral assignments through his distinguished tenure as an administrator at all levels of the Adventist church, he fulfilled his life's mission statement to "cooperate with God in the salvation of the world; to live a full, rich, well-balanced, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered life with eternity in view."

Alvin excelled in ministry as an ordained pastor and exceptional church leader, spending 17 years in pastoral service, 35 years in church administration, and spreading the gospel all over the world.

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He started in 1969 as an assistant pastor at the Berea Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church in Baltimore, MD, and then went on to the Beth-el Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jersey City, NJ. He also ministered in Englewood, NJ (First); Montclair, NJ (First); Paterson, NJ (Paterson Seventh-day Adventist); Newport News, VA (Calvary); and Newark, NJ (Trinity Temple). While pastoring in New Jersey, Alvin also served as choir chaplain for the New Jersey Mass Choir.

Alvin often spoke of his love for ministry, acknowledging, "I was called to pastor, not to be in an office." Though humble at heart and a fierce commitment to serve, Alvin was destined to lead the church's mission in administrative capacities. He enjoyed a long tenure at the Allegheny East Conference (AEC), serving as Director of Church Ministries/Vice President for Ministerial Affairs and Executive Secretary. For his outstanding leadership, Alvin was unanimously voted to lead AEC as its fifth president in 1988. He assumed the role until 2000.



Elder Kibble and wife and son graduation



Elder Kibble with wife and sons

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## CHAPTER 3

### *Remarkable Leadership*

Elder Kibble exemplified servant leadership. He held as his self-appointed mission statement: “Cooperating with God in the work of salvation to live a full, rich, well-balanced, and Christ-centered life of disinterested benevolence with eternity in view.” He enjoyed a long tenure at the Allegheny East Conference. Elder Kibble served AEC as Executive Secretary from May 1984 to May 1987. From May 1987 to December 1988, he was vice president; from December 1988 to October 2000, he served as president. While serving as president, he served as chairman of the Pine Forge Academy board.

Before joining the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists (NAD) team, Elder Kibble returned to pastoral ministry, serving as pastor of the Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from 1998 to 2001. Elder Kibble then served as a vice president of the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for twenty years.



Elder Kibble making a presentation

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While at the NAD, Elder Kibble chaired the Breath of Life Television Ministry Executive Committee, Adventist Information Ministry Board, *Liberty* Editorial Board, Oakwood University Board, PARL Advisory Committee, NAD Litigation Committee, and the Regional [Conference] Scholarship Committee.

In November 2020, as retirement drew near, Elder Kibble was honored for his role as NAD vice president with ministry oversight of executive training, coaching, and development; Public Affairs and Religious Liberty; Big Data Analytics and Social Media; and Literature Ministries. He was the division's longest-serving employee, working 20 of his 51 service years at the NAD.



**Dr. Carlton Byrd and Elder Alvin Kibble at the Andrews University graduation ceremony when Elder Kibble was honored (Dortorate of Divinity).**

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, president of Southwestern Regional Conference and former speaker/director for Breath of Life Ministries, said during a retirement celebration for Kibble in 2020, “A statesman is a skilled, experienced, and respected leader figure... When we think of modern-day statesmen of the Adventist Church in North America, the

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name 'Alvin Kibble' must be called," said Dr. Byrd. "His service, leadership, counsel, and words of admonition have all benefitted the Adventist Church."

At that same event, Kyoshin Ahn, NAD executive secretary, recalled a specific conversation with Kibble years before. "We were talking about race and diversity. You were truly concerned for the future of the church, and you even got emotional. There was genuine love shown in that conversation. That day, I realized how much you love this church and care about its future," Ahn said.



**Elder Kibble with the Late Elder Dan Jackson**

In response to these and other comments offered at his retirement celebration, Elder Kibble offered advice from his years of studying golf. "Make every stroke count. Take deadly aim — aim as if your life depended on it. What you're doing is so valuable and important for this church. Don't waste anything. And don't spend your time complaining about what you don't have when you have the forces of heaven backing you up," said Kibble.

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Everyone leaves a legacy. For Alvin Maurice Kibble, that legacy was his steadfast faithfulness and commitment to complete the divine assignment God gave him over his lifetime and his passion for selfless service to the people of God and His Church. Through divine providence, Elder Kibble crafted a remarkable reputation, where he dutifully served in the gospel ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than five decades. He was a seasoned and beloved pastor, theologian, mentor, and administrator. Elder Kibble pastored eight churches. He contributed over 35 years in church administration, serving as the president of Allegheny East Conference and the vice president of the 1.2 million member North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

The current North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists President, G. Alexander Bryant, called Elder Kibble a “true visionary.” “He modeled servant leadership in a supreme manner. I often turned to him for counsel and advice in critical matters, and I always marveled at how balanced he could approach almost any issue. He was the spiritual conscience of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, and his counsel was received because of the genuine love emanating from him to all who were in his influence.”

Other leaders within the world church regarded Elder Kibble as a “phenomenal mentor and a man of prayer.” “He was big on building relationships and treating people with respect and class.” “He was greatly admired for genuinely caring about everyone and having a passion for seeing God’s church thrive.” “His insights and wisdom were always treasured.”

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“Elder Kibble was a man of prayer, and he was big on building relationships, treating people with respect, and treating them well with class,” said Maricel Pascual, Elder Kibble's administrative assistant and current administrative assistant for the NAD president. “He was a rare blend of an exceptional leader and a genuine human being. My regard for him is nothing short of the highest esteem.”

In 1998, Elder Kibble received the Alumnus of the Year Award from Atlantic Union College. He was honored in 2015 by the NAD Pastoral Evangelism and Leadership Council with a Distinguished Service Award: Lifetime Achievement – Church Administration. On May 7, 2017, Andrews University awarded him with an honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, for his outstanding dedication, leadership, and scholarly contributions to the field of theology. He wrote dozens of articles and papers for the division in 2020.

Even in retirement, Alvin was pursuing a Ph.D. in family counseling. Attaining his terminal degree was essential to him, as three of his siblings had earned terminal degrees.

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Elder Kibble with wife, Jewel



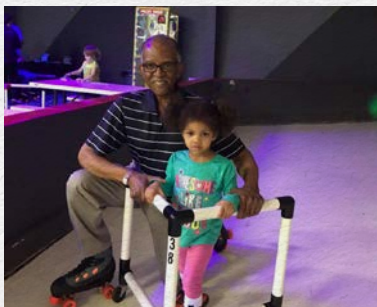
Santo, Jason, JJ and Elder Kibble



Elder Kibble with Hailey



Elder Kibble with grandchildren



Elder Kibble with granddaughter, Cidney



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## CHAPTER 4

### *An Extraordinary Legacy*

On Friday evening, August 11, 2023, in Temecula, California, at the age of 76, Elder Alvin Maurice Kibble peacefully went to rest in the Lord. He leaves to cherish his wife and partner in ministry, Jewel Peck Kibble; sons Santo and Jason; grandchildren Trinity, Jason (JJ), Hailey, and Cidney; his brothers Herman and Harold; his sister Ann; a host of relatives and loved ones; his many colleagues in ministry; as well as many friends and those in the household of faith. He was predeceased by his parents, Harvey and Thelma, and two siblings, Harvey Jr. and Marie.

Today, we do not mourn the loss of a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, colleague, friend, and a third-generation Adventist preacher and leader. Instead, we celebrate the blessed life and legacy of one so dearly beloved and respected. How unspeakably joyful shall be our sweet homecoming when we are finally reunited with our dear Elder Kibble in the presence of our Savior and Lord for all eternity. Our divine assignment is to make our calling and election sure to see him on that beautiful day. ■



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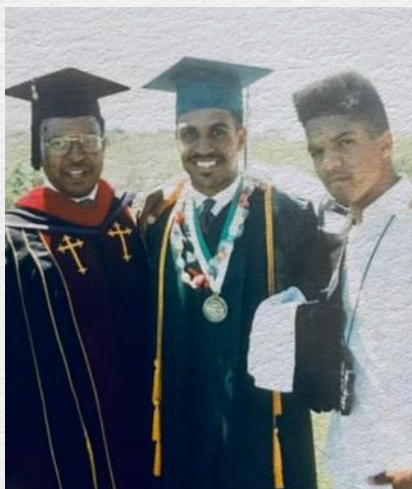








Alvin and Jewel's last photo together.

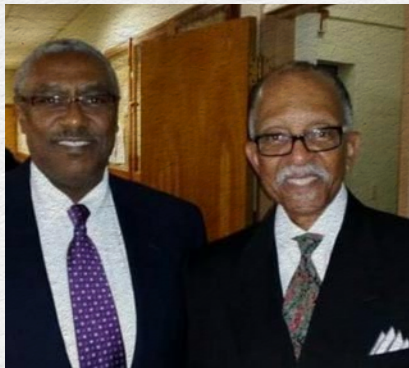








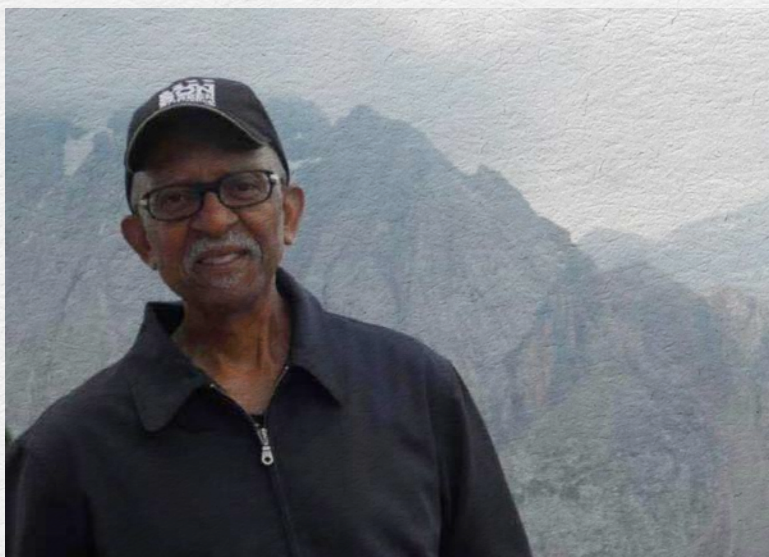










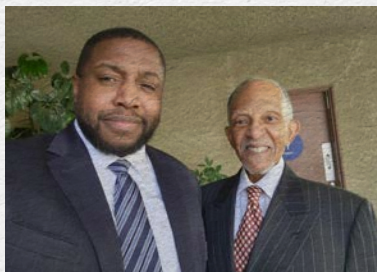














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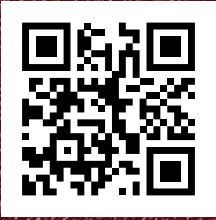
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