

Shirley Clifton - Preschool Ministry Director

Shirley brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and love to our Preschool Ministry. She has worked with preschoolers for over 35 years, directing weekday preschool programs and serving on the board of the Child Development Education Alliance, an early childhood professional organization. She has been at Southside since 2002.

Born and raised in Jacksonville, Shirley graduated from Nathan B. Forrest High School and earned an Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education from Florida Community College of Jacksonville. She has a passion for influencing young children and their families because she knows that the foundation for a child's spiritual, physical, mental, emotional and social development is formed during these early years.

She and her husband Ray have two sons and seven grandchildren. When she's not serving in the Preschool Department or spending time with her family, she likes to travel and read.