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FAMILY AND FINANCE IN HARMONY



Keeping family and finance in harmony requires a deliberate effort to understand the function of both. Any

disregard for such vital enlightenment will result in misunderstanding and full blown conflict. So, let us first take a look at the function of finance. Finance or money is something for which we readily exchange our goods and services. So, finance is a circulating medium of exchange. However in the bible, finance is used in the context of stewardship to test and shape a person. Moreover, it is a means of glorifying God. (Philippians 4:11-12; Luke 16:11-13; Matthew 5:13-16; Malachi 3: 8-10). As such, it is important to know that finance must never be a component of self-worth. Neither can it be a component or guarantee of contentment. Further, it is not a measure of success but part of God's appointed vocation and stewardship (Russ Crosson, 1995).

The importance of finance to better the quality of life cannot be disputed. However, it must never become more important than people and God. It is a tool to enhance the quality of life and give glory to God. Amazingly, the God who gives us the power to get wealth also gives us family (Psalm 68:5, 6). As for family, the functions are effective when the family members know the expectations of individuals in financial matters. Let us list briefly the functions of family. Included are reproduction, emotional closeness, socialization, status definition, social control. In every function the expectation of what role finance plays is critical. The functions such as procreating, caregiving, education, socialization all have a price tag. Hence, every family who understands the function of family and the function of finance immediately sees the need for budgeting and planning.

Family budget eliminates a lot of conflict and provides order as well as freedom because the guidelines allow the family to live within its income. So, a family needs to create harmony in the budget. Every category needs to be listed. (e.g. tithe, insurance, food, transportation, vacation, offering, mortgage)

Realistic amounts must support each category. Patience, humility, perseverance are important components to make sure the budget works. The harmony between the family and finance remains intact when the budget works. This is valuable because our personality predisposes some to be impetuous in spending, while others could be more frugal. Hence, the need for patience, humility and perseverance. Remember, the goal is harmony.

Relationships experience a great deal of satisfaction when finance has its proper place in the family. As such, the time used for acquiring wealth must be held in balance with the time spent with family. Just as the family is in God's hand, so also the pursuit of money. Hence, God who blesses the family, blesses finances (Malachi 3:8-10)." It is the blessing of The Lord that makes rich, and He adds no sorrow to it" (Proverbs 10:22). Russ Crosson points out, "If our marriage relationship is important and our children are important, we need to build time in our days to spend with family in addition to the time we spend working. All too often our families get leftover time" (1995). Let us make a deliberate effort to understand family functions as well as the functions of finance. The light on these subjects will create a path towards harmony between family and finance.

-Pastor Peter Joseph, Executive Secretary

ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT & CIVIL SERVANTS' SERVICE

The annual Law Enforcement and Civil Servants' service will be held at the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, February 21, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. All officers of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, The Royal Bahamas Defence Force, Civil Servants and members of the conference are invited to attend this service as we seek God's guidance and protection. -Elder Teddy McDonald



NEW DATE FOR MEDIA CELEBRATION

The conference will set a new date for our media celebration. So follow The Logos for the announcement of the new date. -Pastor Paul Scavella, Communication Director

TUNE IN FOR WEEKLY UPDATES

Please note that ATV 53 is providing the weekly News Update or News Page on the conference's website at www.southbahamasconference.org and also on the South Bahamas Conference facebook page. We appreciate your patience as we seek to always keep you, our viewers, informed of what is happening in our conference. -Mrs. Lavern Sturupp, SBC Media Dept.

GOSPEL CAMPAIGN IN MANGROVE CAY

The *Jesus Is the Answer Gospel Campaign* in Mangrove Cay will conclude on February 28. All persons interested in working during the final week of the campaign are asked to contact Evangelist Williams at 1 242 357 9410. -Asha-Dane Duncan, District Pastor

A WALK THROUGH THE EPISTLES OF JOHN

Join the Agape Seventh-day Adventist Church as they begin an exciting walk through the Epistles of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John beginning this Sabbath (February 21, 2015) at 11:00 a.m. Bring your Bible and a friend. -Pastor T. Basil Sturupp, Agape Seventh-day Adventist Church.

FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAMS TO HOLD PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our family ministries teams from all churches are invited to a prayer breakfast on February 22, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the conference office. Please make an effort to attend. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Family Ministries Director

NEIGHBOURHOOD LOVE DAY AT AGAPE

The Agape Seventh-day Adventist Church will host a 'Neighborhood Love Day' on Sunday, February 22, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church on the Global Mission Centre of Influence campus, formerly Bahamas Academy on Wulff Road. Activities include: clothing giveaway, blood pressure and cholesterol screening along with free counseling on parenting and living a healthy lifestyle. If you would like to contribute to this initiative, please call 341-4021 for more information. -Pastor T. Basil Sturupp, Agape Seventh-day Adventist Church

MEETING FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRIES LEADERS

There will be an important meeting for all Women's Ministries Leaders at the Conference Office on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend, please send a member of your team.

Looking forward to seeing you there. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

-Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

LOGOS BIBLE SEMINAR

The South Bahamas Conference will host a *Logos Bible Seminar* on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at a venue to be announced. Register early! -*Pastor Lynden Williams, Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator*

HEALTH MINISTRIES 8 Weeks to Wellness

The 8 Weeks to Wellness Program continues on Monday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the GMCI (Old Bahamas Academy Gym), Wulff Road. -*Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

"THE REFRESHING" AT PHILADELPHIA
The Women's Ministries Department of the Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church invites you to participate in "The Refreshing," a prayer breakfast, on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. at our church in Elizabeth Estates. Come, bring a friend, be blessed & be refreshed! -*Ms. Shandera Smith, Philadelphia SDA Church*

UNLIMITED LOVE AT MARANATHA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

It's a red and white affair... a night of fun and laughter! The Maranatha Women's Ministries Department invites all women to join them for "Unlimited Love" on February 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Come and enhance your knowledge of how God wants us to experience real LOVE. Our speakers are Sisters Patrice Gordon and Miriam Knowles. Refreshments will be served. -*Sister Monique McKenzie, Maranatha SDA*

MUSIC DAY AT PARKGATE

On Sabbath, February 21, 2015 all are invited to our *Music Day* under the theme 'Call Upon His Name'. Come and share with the group, Ave as we worship in song. Don't miss this special Divine worship program. -*Dr. Floyd Carter, Parkgate Seventh-day Adventist Church*

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CHAM DEPARTMENT

March 12 - Called meeting at Conference Office at 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
March 28 - Reading in the Park (Outreach)
May 2 - Poetry Competition
Contact your local Children and Adolescent Ministries (CHAM) leader for details. Additional notes will appear in next week's edition of The Logos. -*Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director*

NEW FEATURE FOR SUMMER 2015

The Logos and website will feature our college students who are graduating this year. Please send in their information in order for their articles to be published/posted. We will need a picture along with a script of 60 words maximum for The Logos and 400 words for the website. -*Editor*

CLASS OF 1980

Bahamas Academy graduates/class of 1980 are asked to attend a Reunion Luncheon at the OutBack Steakhouse, Marathon Mall, on Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. For further details, please contact Allison Rolle at 362-4128 (evenings) or by e-mail - eagleministry@yahoo.com or Whatsapp. -*Mrs. Alison Rolle, Alumnus; Bahamas Academy*

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for February 22 - 28, 2015 is: *To Regard and Appreciate God's Mercies.* -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator*

WORK OF HER HANDS

All women are invited to the *Work of Her Hands* event on March 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. This spectacular event will be held at the Good News Church and will be featuring female entrepreneurs, singers, and women who are enthusiastic about the Lord's work. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Felecia Datus at 341-4021.

LOVE AT HOME SEMINAR



Attend the *Love at Home* seminar at the Living Faith Seventh-day Church in February!
Topics for the

remaining dates:

February 21 morning: The love of Husbands
February 21 afternoon: Teen Dating
February 28 morning: The Love of Wives
February 28 afternoon: Y2K 15 Parenting
Presentations will be in the following formats:
*mornings 11:00 a.m. - sermon
*afternoons 4:00 p.m. - seminar
*There is a family focus on Wednesdays.
-*Pastor Mark Ewen, Living Faith Church*

ALL NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

There will be a prayer vigil at the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church on February 28 at 9:00 p.m. until March 1, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend this spiritual refreshing. Breakfast will be served. -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator*

CURE FOR THE COMMON LIFE

Coming March 16-19, 2015 **Cure For the Common Life**, a quarterly transformational series of personal "intra-views", profound teachings and practical tools for releasing baggage and living unfettered. Through authentic connection and an atmosphere of candour and encouragement, sessions feature ordinary people sharing life-changing truths on sex, forgiveness, unbelief, and divorce. Sessions are open to men and women. Contact Dr. Stephanie Hutcheson at cureforcommonlifesda@gmail.com for more information.

OUR HERITAGE-OUR SONG

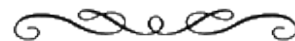
On Sabbath, March 7, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., the Peardale Seventh-day Adventist Church will host a panel discussion highlighting *Black History/Our Culture - with a focus on our Music.* All are invited to attend. Stay connected for more details on this exciting event! -*Mrs. A. Rolle, Music Coordinator, Peardale.*

ADVENTIST BOOK AND NUTRITION CENTRE

The Adventist Book and Nutrition Centre (ABNC) opened its door for our Sunday shoppers! We continue to do so for your convenience. Operating hours on Sundays are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. -*Mrs. Cherry Blackmore, Manager*

CAT ISLAND SDA ADVANCEMENT SOCIETY

Persons wishing to travel to Cat Island on April 3-6, 2015 (Easter Weekend) with the Cat Island SDA Advancement Society are asked to contact Elder Norman Seymour at 457-0067. Tickets should be purchased no later than mid-March. Sky Bahamas is the carrier. -*Elder Norman Seymour, Coordinator*



YOUTH TIDBITS Praise in the Park

Join our youth on the R. M. Bailey Park on Sabbath, February 28, 2015 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Get your comfortable shoes on and come with your praise under the theme, *Loving God Intimately: Loving your Neighbour unselfishly.* All Pathfinders are asked to dress in uniform.

Monthly Youth Council

All youth leaders are reminded to attend our monthly *Youth Council Meeting* at the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 12:00 noon.

Master Guide Training

Master Guide training continues each Sunday at 6:00 a.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church. Registration in progress.

ATCU Pathfinder Camporee

All pathfinder leaders are asked to attend an important meeting at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. We will continue planning for the camporee which will convene at the Bahamas Youth Camp on April 5-12. -*Pastor Larry Green, Youth Director*

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH FEBRUARY 28, 2015 AT 6:10 P.M.

Website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>
Have a Blessed and Wonderful Sabbath!

