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THE ROLE OF THE INSTRUMENTALIST IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE



The sweet sounds of the organ fill the sanctuary as worshippers make their way quietly to their seats. One lady softly sighs and quietly says to her neighbour, “What beautiful playing! ‘Hover O’er Me Holy Spirit’ is my favourite hymn”.

The organist continues to play as an old lady weeps softly as she thinks of her frailty and God’s keeping power.

Yes, music without words, played with the spirit and the understanding, can move the hearts of the waiting congregation, drawing them closer to God, preparing their hearts for worship. Therefore instrumentalists need to be completely submitted to God, prayerfully seeking His guidance, through the Holy Spirit, when choosing music for worship. The music should enhance the worship experience. It should not be a distraction.

The Music for the prelude, offering and postlude, are not meaningless fillers. They are an integral part of the service; inspiring the listeners.

Prelude

Preludes should be prayerfully prepared by the instrumentalists during the week, seeking God’s guidance in choosing appropriate music, music that will bless hearts and draw them closer to Christ.

The congregation should be educated to understand that worship begins with the first note of the prelude. The congregation should be encouraged to pray and meditate during this time. It is not the time for idle chatter.

Offertory

The offertory is another part of the worship experience that allows the instrumentalists to minister in a special way. The piece should be prayerfully chosen and rehearsed during the week. It should not be a long

piece. A simple hymn, a more technical arrangement of a hymn or appropriate classical music could be chosen. Your weekly renditions should be so inspiring, varied and well prepared, that the congregation will look forward to your musical offerings in every service.

The musician should be allowed to finish his musical offering before the ushers are called forth and the congregation is asked to stand. Why? The music should be seen as a ministry. Therefore, the scripture or comments that are prepared, should be done before the offering is lifted, not during the ministering of the musician.

Would one interrupt a singer or a speaker in the middle of his/her presentation? No. Why then is it so common for us to interrupt the musician in the middle of his/her ministering to God and to the waiting congregation?

Postlude

The postlude, like all other offering of music to God, should be prayerfully prepared during the week. It should be of a majestic style; in praise to God for a wonderful and blessed worship experience. Hymn arrangements, suitable marches and music from standard church organ, piano, and instrumental repertoire should be chosen.

Responses

Responses should be well rehearsed and the order of the responses known, so that there is a smooth transition from one to the other. Instrumentalists should be so in tune to the speaker that a signal for an appeal song is not missed; and also be led by the spirit to play an appropriate song quietly, even when not requested.

Musicians should know the great hymns of our faith; and seek to learn new hymns on a regular basis, so that we may sing, “A new song to the Lord”. Hymns should be played with a firm touch and correct timing, leading the congregation to sing with enthusiasm. Musicians should be aware of the text and mood of the song; and their accompaniment should reflect the same.

If there is a band, or more instruments than the organ or piano, there should be a capable leader in charge who gives instructions re repertoire for each service, or make suitable changes to repertoire during a service to enhance the worship

experience. The leader is also responsible for making sure that there is cohesiveness in the group; in mind, purpose, musicality, and ensemble techniques. A weekly rehearsal should be held, in preparation for services, in order to develop the expertise of the group, and also to present music of the highest calibre whenever called upon.

If there is a praise team and/or choir, rehearsals should be held weekly with these groups to ensure that all music presented is well prepared.

Instrumentalists must be aware that they have a high profile in a service; and should not be a source of distraction in dress, deportment, or choice of music.

It is important that the musicians chosen are skilled in their area of expertise; but above all else, are fully committed to Christ, bringing Him the highest praise possible.

-Audrey Dean-Wright, Director of Music, South Bahamas Conference

BAHAMAS ACADEMY PRESENTS “AGAPE PRAISE”

The entire conference and community friends are invited to a grand concert, “Agape Praise”, at the Church of God Auditorium, Joe Farrington Road on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. This is a major fundraiser to assist the school in completing some outstanding projects. Be sure to get your tickets from Bahamas Academy or the South Bahamas Conference Headquarters. There will be a contact person at each church. Let’s offer the highest praise to the Author of love! So save the date and plan to have a refreshing evening of music. -School Administration

MEDIA NIGHT

On February 28, 2015, ATV 53 and Word SBC 88.3 FM will be showcasing their operation at the H D Colburn Gymnatorium on Wulff Road at 7:00 p.m. You cannot miss this event! Come and meet the faces and voices behind the scenes as we journey into becoming the leading gospel media house in the country. We will unveil our new logos for the three media entities: ATV, Word SBC 88.3 FM and the media network which comprises the South Bahamas Adventist News, The Logos, and the SDA Blast. The activities will include a grand old Saturday night march, and food sales by the Pathfinder Band and Bahamas Academy PTA.

Adventist business persons are encouraged to attend and become sponsors of programmes hosted by the SBC Media House. Should you also need an on-spot promotion at the February 28 event, kindly contact Mrs. Mary Knott at 341-4021 for further details. Come and let's share a wonderful evening together.

-Administration

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for February 1 - 7, 2015 is: **To overcome sin.** -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

BACK TO FAITH AT REDEMPTION

The pastor, officers, and members of the Redemption Seventh-day Adventist Church invite former members and our community friends to a special service and lunch on Sabbath, January 31 at their location on Redemption Way (off Hanna Road) in eastern New Providence at 9:15 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The fellowship is guaranteed! So come with your heart of praise and we have a glorious time in the Lord. Don't meet us there beat us there. For more information, call 357 9410. -The Redemption SDA Church

JESUS IS THE ANSWER GOSPEL CAMPAIGN IN MANGROVE CAY

The *Jesus Is The Answer Gospel Campaign* will be held in Mangrove Cay on February 15 - 28 with evangelists, Dave Williams and Leo Rolle. All persons interested in working in this campaign are asked to contact Evangelist Williams at 1 242 357 9410. -Asha-Dane Duncan, District Pastor

ADVENTIST CHURCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The South Bahamas Conference will send all data received from our church clerks to the Atlantic Caribbean Union by the end of January 2015. The union will send that data to the Inter-American Division in February 2015. Training for use of the software on Church Management will take place in March 2015. Your data for the local conference is past due. Kindly send in the required data to the secretariat, so that your church can be in the electronic record of the South Bahamas Conference membership. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Executive Secretary

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES MEETING

There will be a breakfast-planning meeting for all Children and Adolescent Ministries leaders at the director's residence on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. Kindly call 341-4021 for more information. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Children and Adolescent Ministries Director

AGAPE SDA CHURCH

Join the Agape Seventh-day Adventist Church in a three part exciting presentation on **The Ministry of Ellen G. White.** Are the writings of Ellen White equal with the Bible? Is the Seventh-day Adventist Church in recent times guilty of downplaying her writings? Are those who claim that Ellen White is a false Prophet correct? Get the answers to these questions and

more. Services continue Sabbath, January 31. The final presentation will be on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. -Pastor T. Basil Sturruv, Agape Seventh-day Adventist Church

CAT ISLAND ADVANCEMENT SOCIETY
The Cat Island Advancement Society will meet at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. -Elder Norman Seymour

ADVENTIST BOOK AND NUTRITION CENTRE

The Adventist Book and Nutrition Centre (ABNC) will be open on SUNDAYS beginning February 8, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our Customers who are unable to make it to the store during the week, may now take advantage of our Sunday opening. -Mrs. Cherry Blackmore, Manager

JOINT PRAYER MEETING

All are invited to the monthly early morning joint prayer meeting at the Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, February 1, 2015 (tomorrow) at 6:00 a.m. A retention meeting will follow with all representatives of the churches. -Elders David Knowles and Tyrone Paul

HEALTH MINISTRIES ANNOUNCEMENTS 8 Weeks to Wellness

The 8 Weeks to Wellness Program begins on Monday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the GMCI (Old Bahamas Academy Gym), Wulff Road. Join us and learn how to prevent and manage: hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol, cancer, weight gain, stress and much more. A small donation is required. Contact: SBC at 341-4121 or Better Living at 323-5473. Screening and registration is scheduled for Thursday, February 5 at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 8 at 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the GMCI. All Health Ministries directors, assistants and anyone who would like to assist with coaching at this program are asked to attend an important meeting on Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the New Englerston Church.

SBC Monthly Fun/Run Walk

Join us on February 8, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. for overall rejuvenation. Starting from Goodman's Bay to Sandport and back. If you cannot walk the entire route, come and do what you can. Your body will thank you for it!

Health Outreach

All persons interested in travelling to Mangrove Cay, Andros on February 20 - 22 to assist in the health outreach of the upcoming crusade, please contact Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610.

Prayer Breakfast

All health professionals, directors and assistant directors, and members with a passion for health ministries are invited to attend a prayer breakfast at the New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, February 1 at 7:30 a.m.

I Want To Live Healthy Training Workshop
All Health Directors, Assistants and those interested in working in the area of Health Ministries and members are invited to attend a workshop on health evangelism at the New Providence Church on February 1 at 10:30 a.m. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

LOVE AT HOME SEMINAR



Attend the seminar of a lifetime with presenters, Mark and Taweisha Ewen at the Living Faith Seventh-day

Church in February!

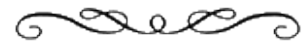
Schedule/Topics:

February 7 morning: The Christian home
February 7 afternoon: Young Free and Single
February 14 morning: Love at Home
February 14 afternoon: Marriage Commitment Service
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 - sermon
*afternoons - seminar

-Pastor Mark Ewen, Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church

MONTHLY MEETING BURIAL SOCIETY

The S.D.A. Burial Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church Annex on February 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Annex. We had five deaths in 2014. Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the society are invited to attend.--Elder R. Henry Moncur



YOUTH TIDBITS Praise in the Park

Join our youth on the R. M. Bailey Park on Sabbath, February 28, 2015. We will commence our march at the GMCI to the park at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. So get your walking shoes on, come with your praise under the theme, *Loving God Intimately: Loving your Neighbour unselfishly.*

Youth Calendar

February 15 Reach...Serving Like Jesus
February 15 Masterguide Training Begins
February 28 Praise In the Park

Masterguide Training

The application process for masterguide training is now open. See the conference website or your local church pathfinder director for forms.

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH FEBRUARY 7, 2015 AT 5:58 P.M.

Website:

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

