

THE LOGOS



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A BRAND NEW YEAR!



We stand on the threshold of a brand new year, one filled with many possibilities. As we count our blessings, we are grateful for

the miracle of life. Our lives are gifts from a wonderful Saviour, given to honour and exalt Him; and by extension, to assist in the building of the body of Christ. Our lives are of great importance to humanity and to the nurture of God’s Kingdom in the earth. Examine yourself and think of the many positive things that you enjoy doing or that you are capable of doing. Is there an additional or different offering we can give to Christ in 2015?

With the spate of atrocities injected in our psyche, we can only rejoice for our safe passage through 2014. God has brought us through many toils and snares! Isn’t that enough to make us leap for joy? In the South Bahamas Conference, we are determined to charge ahead in full steam on our Christian pilgrimage. Our recently voted executive committee members have committed themselves to the huge responsibilities of God’s work in this field. We invite each boy, girl, woman, and man in our conference to plough through the daunting moments of your experiences with Christ as your Guide; to create a concerted and consecrated surge toward Kingdom building. Our duty is to exalt Him...”And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me” (John 12:32, KJV)

We have been called to be partakers with Him. In accepting this role, we consciously surrender ourselves to His complete control; we no longer desire the things that hinder our spiritual growth; our attitudes to those whom we relegate to hopelessness in the cause of Christ become positions of inspiration, encouragement, and acceptance.

There are three inspirational quotes from the Spirit of Prophecy that I have highlighted for your encouragement. Use them daily to buoy your spirits up, knowing that with Him you are more than conqueror. Lean on His strength in your decision-making so that He can be the *Integral Component* as you traverse this brand new year:

“The Father loves His people today as He loves His own Son. Someday it will be our privilege to see Him face to face.” (Manuscript 103, 1903, E. G. White)

“We should remember that the church, enfeebled and defective though it be, is the only object on earth on which Christ bestows His supreme regard. He is constantly watching it with solicitude, and is strengthening it by His Holy Spirit.” (Manuscript 155, 1902, E. G. White)

“Trust to God’s guardianship. His church is to be taught. Enfeebled and defective though it is, it is the object of His supreme regard.” (Letter 279, 1904)

In conclusion, I leave with you my favourite Bible text: “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore (Psalm 16:11, KJV).

My prayer is that we will experience Christ afresh in 2015. Let us stay connected to the Vine. -Pastor Paul Scavella, President

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for January 4 - 10, 2015 is **Wisdom and Guidance**. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SBC HEADQUARTERS

State of the Conference Service

*State of the Conference Service will take place at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, January 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Our president, Pastor Paul Scavella will address the constituency. Come and see where God has led us and what He has called us to accomplish for Him in the ensuing years. On Sunday, January 11 departmental worships will take place from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Come, bring your praising and learning spirit as we get all fired up for Jesus.

Media Night (Please note change of dates)

*On February 28, 2015, ATV 53 and Word SBC 88.3 FM will be showcasing their operation at the H D Colburn Gymnasium 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. Order your t-shirt for the event. Encourage a missing member to attend the event and reconnect with Christ. Adventist business persons are encouraged to attend and become sponsors of programmes hosted by the SBC Media House. Should you also need a promotion on spot 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.

Back-to-Faith

*Join the Back-to-Faith Disciple coaching program. We meet this and every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at the McKinney/Scavella Leadership Institute located at the GMCI. Each church is asked to send a representative to the meeting.

ATV53

*In January 2015, Hope TV will be viewed on channel 53, while 3ABN will be viewed on channel 653. Hope channel is the official television station of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church. Our delay in ATV53 programming is due to outstanding equipment from Cable Bahamas. Upon its arrival, we will resume airing. Until then, local programs will be uploaded on the conference website.

VBA Workdays

*The Volunteer Bahamas Adventist (VBA) workdays will be held at the GMCI on January 4 and 18, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A special invitation goes out to all Adventist men, master guides, pathfinders and Adventist Community Service persons to participate as we restore and secure the campus. Our prayer is that we will continue to work together for a glorious future in our conference. -Administration

JOINT POWER-PACKED PRAYER HOUR

The South Bahamas Conference will engage in a power-packed hour of prayer on Sunday, January 4, 2015 at the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church from 6 - 7 o'clock in the morning. Plan to attend this spiritual renewal with the entire family. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

LOGO COMPETITION

The Media Department is hosting a Logo Competition intended to design logos (three) for the SBC MEDIA NETWORK and its affiliated entities ATV53 and WORD SBC 88.3FM. Logos must be of original design and must not resemble any other copyrighted material. Entries must be submitted to sbcmmedia88@gmail.com on or before January 30, 2015 at 12 noon. Entries must include name,

postal address, and contact number. Late applicants will not be accepted. Winners will be announced and prizes given at the SBC Media night on February 28, 2015. Winning logos will become sole property of the SBC MEDIA NETWORK. The contest is open to individuals and not to groups, organizations, or other institutions. We look forward to receiving your creative designs! For more information, please contact the Media Department at 341-4021. *Please note extended dates for submission of the three logos and the event.* -Media Department; South Bahamas Conference

PASTOR ARTUR STELE TO CONDUCT SEMINARS IN THE SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE

Pastor Artur Stele, vice president of the General Conference and director of the Biblical Research Institute will conduct a number of seminars in the South Bahamas Conference on January 6 - 8, 2015. Kindly note the schedule below:

*Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. - Presentation on The Shepherds' Rod at the *Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church*.

*Wednesday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. - Pastors' Meeting - Statement on Women's Ordination and Pastoral Continuing Education at the *South Bahamas Conference Office*.

*Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. - Presentation on Nurture and Retention at the *Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church*.

*Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. - Presentation on Secularism: Living Godly in a Secular World at the *Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church*.

We invite the entire church to participate in these educational and spiritually uplifting seminars. -Pastor Lynden Williams, Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator

BURIAL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING

The S.D.A. Burial Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grant's Town Church 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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The South Bahamas Conference wishes to inform the membership that Children's Ministries has a new name. The new name is: *Children and Adolescent Ministries*. The department now ministers to the young up to the age of 14. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Children and Adolescent Ministries Director

HEALTH MINISTRIES AND CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Are you interested in producing a health oriented or child/adolescent oriented show on SBC 88.3 FM? Get a proposal/application from the Health Ministries Director, Nathelyn LaCroix or Children and Adolescent Ministries Director, Joan Scavella. The length of the programme/tip can be 5, 15 or 30 minutes. Call 323-0610 (Health Ministries) or 364-7580/341-4021 (Children and Adolescent Ministries) for more details. -Nathelyn LaCroix and Joan Scavella



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming events for the Youth Department JANUARY

- 3 Basketball All-star at GMCI, Wulff Road
- 11 Youth Council Meeting
- 7-17 10 Days of Prayer Youth Emphasis (Grant's Town)
- 17 Youth Department launches SBC Choir Fest

ATCU Youth Camporee

All pathfinder and youth leaders are asked to commence registration of your club members for the ATCU Pathfinder Camporee, *U-Turn*. The camporee will be held on April 5 - 12, 2015 at the Bahamas Academy grounds on Marshall Road. Contact Ms. Dawne Forbes for information on registration cost etc.

Submit Your Supplies List

All pathfinder and adventurer club leaders are asked to submit their list of *supplies needed for the ensuing year* to the Conference Office Youth Department. The church treasurer and pastor should sign your list. -Pastor Larry L. Green, Youth Director

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH JANUARY 10, 2015 AT 5:37 P.M. Website:

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

