

# THE LOGOS



Connected: Growing in Christ

“Year of The Pastor”

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## FORTY-TWO YEARS CLOSER TO HIS COMING HAPPY INDEPENDENCE BAHAMAS!



In 1973 national leaders signed a comprehensive document known as the constitution. This document embodies the fundamental principles to which The Bahamas is governed.

Chapter III mentions the fundamental rights and fundamental freedoms. Chapter III includes Articles 15 to 31 that arguably are the most important in the Bahamian constitution because they address the "protection of fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual."

These include the right to life, protection from inhuman treatment, protection from slavery and forced labor, protection from arbitrary arrest and detention, provisions to secure protection of law, and for the privacy of home and other property. In addition, the protection of fundamental rights ensures protection of freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and association, and freedom of movement" (Bahamas Local.com; July 16, 2012).

As with religious freedom, and for further expansion, other benefits that the nation enjoys include: the right of every child to be educated, equality of all human beings, and the right of all citizens reaching the age of 18 to vote.

The Commonwealth of The Bahamas has grown and matured on many levels.

As a body of believers who eagerly await the imminent return of our Saviour, we cannot abscond the privilege of free worship. This must not be taken for granted. Rather, with every ounce of energy, advantage should be taken to ensure personal readiness, as well as to ensure that the precious *End Time Message* of the soon return of Christ's second coming is carefully and lovingly shared with languishing souls.

Paramount to the celebration of a nation should be the Christian's desire to celebrate the power of God to make us free. It is a great acknowledgement for a Christian!

Our nation is 42 years closer to His coming! While providing consolation, the church must not become complacent. "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted..." (Matthew 5:13-16: KJV).

National celebrations speak to the gratitude of its people. For the church, it is one year closer to the grand celebration of being with Christ forever. Given the reality of biblical prophecy and the nearness of Christ's return, many freedoms presently enjoyed will be eroded. Already, fellow Christians are under fire and in some cases have experienced loss of democratic freedoms, and loss of life.

### **Give Thanks**

While the Christian goes through daunting experiences and will be buffeted by the circumstances of life, he must remember the pronouncement

of the Apostle, Paul:

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9; KJV).

The nation can also give thanks for the beautiful resources made available to us. The greatest of these resources is the people.

### **Peace in the Land**

While crime appears to be on the increase, the fear of crime is greater than crime itself.

God has promised to provide a hedge of protection to those who fear the Lord. Saints of God, remember that perfect love casts out fear. Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you (Job 1:10; Psalm 91; I John 4:8; I Peter 5:7).

His presence has guided us in the study and sharing of His word. His presence has impacted the nation in a positive way, restraining the forces of evil on the land. The daily supplications of God's people are prominent in His holding back the winds of strife (Rev. 7:1-3).

### **The Challenge**

God challenges us (members of the South Bahamas Conference) to use every gift and opportunity provided to accomplish the mission of the church. God asked Moses, "What do you have in your hand?" (Exodus 4:2)

As people of this great little nation, let us give thanks always, and embrace the theme of the 2015 General Conference Session, Arise! Shine! Jesus is coming. Happy Independence Bahamas!

-Pastor Paul Scavella, President

### ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for July 12 - 18, 2015 is: *For the Avoidance of a Dependence on Works.* -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

### CHAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*This month our churches are holding Vacation Bible Schools all over the conference. We encourage our members to support our CHAM leaders as they steer our children and community friends into a wonderful *Destination of Paradise!*

\*Kindly submit the dates when Vacation Bible School will be held or was held at your church.

\*CHAM leaders are reminded to submit all outstanding reports. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director

### MONTHLY MEETING OF BURIAL SOCIETY

The July meeting of the local Adventist Burial Society is cancelled due to the 60<sup>th</sup> General Conference session. -Elder R. Henry Moncur

### SBC MONTHLY FUN/RUN WALK

Join us on July 12, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. for overall rejuvenation. Starting from Goodman's Bay to Sandypoint and back. If you cannot walk the entire route, come and do what you can. Your body will thank you for it! Health Outreach. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix

### SAVE THE DATE

Plan now to attend the 2016 Emotional Wellness Summit in Orlando, Florida on January 13 - 17, 2016. Call Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CARE PACKAGE DISTRIBUTION

Below is the schedule for the distribution of care packages at the Princess Margaret Hospital:

**July 18, 2015** - Berea & Breath of Life  
**September 12, 2015** - New Englerston, Francophone, & Parkgate  
**September 26, 2015** - Maranatha & Redemption  
**October 3, 2015** - Grants Town &

Adelaide

**October 17, 2015** - Good News & Bethel

**October 31, 2015** - Johnson Park, Gambier, & Peardale

**November 14, 2015** - Living Faith & Agape

**November 28, 2015** - Philadelphia & Ebenezer

**December 12, 2015** - All Family Islands Churches

**December 19, 2015** - All New Providence Churches -Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, WM Director

### MARANATHA SUMMER 2015 REVIVAL OUTREACH

Theme *"Connected - We Press On"*  
July 12 - 25, 2015 at 7:15 nightly at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Come and hear dynamic speakers expound on the word of God.

Topics include:

- Prophecy Alert
- How long do we have left?
- Doctrines That Divide!

-Mrs. Gayle Farquharson, Church Clerk; Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church

### ABC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ABC has just received a new stock of children's books, Bibles, Bible cases, and tracts. Take advantage our Sunday hours! -Mrs. Cherry Blackmore, Manager

### IN SYMPATHY



The funeral service for Sister Roceta Miller will be held at the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, July 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. We are praying for the family.

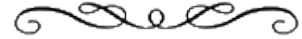
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### LOOK OUT FOR GRAND BOOK DRIVE

Do you have textbooks that you will no longer need? Have your children taken care of their used texts and wish to share it with someone else?

Donate all your textbooks to our Back to School Book Drive. We are now collecting books at the SBC Headquarters.

Then watch out for our sharing event on August 28, 2015. Together, we can make the journey easier. -Mrs. Patrice Williams-Gordon, Special Events Coordinator



### YOUTH TIDBITS

**Sunday, July 12, 2015 at Hillview Church**

6:00 a.m. - Master Guide Training

6:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EARLY YEARS OF A CHILD'S LIFE

"Too much importance cannot be placed upon the early training of children. The lessons learned, the habits formed, during the years of infancy and childhood, have more to do with the formation of the character and the direction of the life than have all the instruction and training of the after years." *Ministry of Healing, p. 380.*

"It is during the first years of a child's life that his mind is most susceptible to impressions either good or evil. During these years decided progress is made in either a right direction or a wrong one." *Child Guidance, p. 193.*

### SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH JULY 18, 2015 AT 8:01 P.M.

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Have a Blessed and Wonderful Sabbath!

