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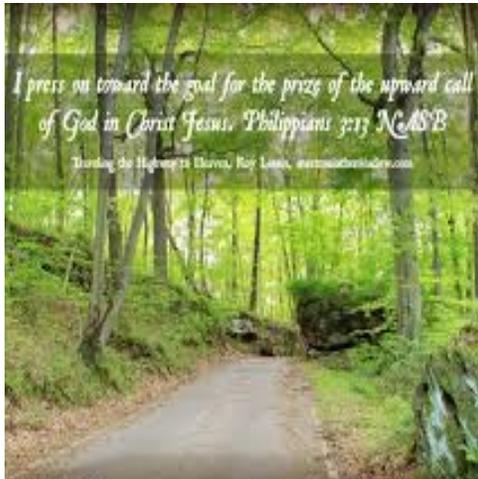


Connected: Growing in Christ

“Year of The Pastor”

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THE JOURNEY MUST GO ON!



The journey must go on. The pilgrims may be weary, hurting, and disappointed, but they are not unsure of their mission, their direction, their destination. One by one, family by family, church by church, together as a body of hope, hand in hand, heart with heart, the march must go on. Our Commander is at the front, at the back, and all around, leading us to that sure and certain destination.

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The journey finds its type in Israel's move from Egypt to Canaan. It provides us a portrait of suffering and joy, trials and patience, dreams and fulfillment, growth and challenge, disappointment and hope.

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Egypt gives us a starting example. Years of slavery had numbed the sense of spirituality. Bricks without straw, labor without rest, generation merging with generation without a sense of the stars above or the radiance within. A whole community of God's chosen race stays in the stance of not knowing the beauty and the power of God's grace. But "God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them" (Ex. 2:25). With God looking after the journey, and with His unfailing acknowledgment that "you are my people and I am your God," the constancy of the journey and the sure arrival at the gates of the Promised Land were well assured.

The journey must go on.

The journey is not without hurdles—the might of Pharaoh, the Red Sea ahead, the golden calf, the murmuring against leaders from Miriams and Aarons, onions and garlics, the rebellion of Korah, betrayal's explosion at Kadesh Barnea, and the

preference of death in Egypt to life in Canaan. Are they not symbols of challenges every generation faces on its journey to the Promised Land?

The journey must go on.

No one, not even the Almighty, has promised that the journey will be easy and unhindered. If the pilgrims' journey was easygoing and hurdle-free, then the Great Controversy would have no meaning, the Christian journey would have no relevance, and the promise of eternity's new dawn would only be a pie in the sky bye and bye.

But God's Word shows that the journey must go on.

In the face of hindrances and roadblocks, doubts and criticisms, there stand the mighty symbols of God's unfailing watch over pilgrims bound for the Promised Land: the Passover deliverance, the highway through the sea, God's encrypting by His own fingers the norm and responsibility of human life in the midst of meaninglessness and hopelessness, the outpouring of the manna, and the way to the Most Holy Place assure that the Promised Land is sure and certain.

The journey must go on.

Leaders come and leaders go. They are human: they may strike the rock instead of speaking to it. They may get only a mountaintop view of the Promised Land, but receive the unexpected experience of the promised destiny in a way only God can design. "Fear" and "fear not" are the divine commands to the leaders as well to all the pilgrims. Fear God who created the heavens and the earth. Fear Him who emptied all heaven to open a highway for the pilgrims to get back to where they belong. Fear Him who feared not the cross that paved the sure and certain way to our ultimate destination. But at the same, fear not forces that sow doubt on the steady and united march toward the kingdom; fear not the fleeting clouds that may for the moment cast a shadow, for behind the clouds is the brightness of the unfailing sun.

"In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.

We are now a strong people, if we will put

our trust in the Lord; for we are handling the mighty truths of the word of God. We have everything to be thankful for." (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 31.)

The journey must go on. Indeed, it's almost over: We are nearing home. We are nearing home. Heaven's splendor gleams, heaven's glory streams already through its gates ajar: We are nearing home!

-The above article was written by John M. Fowler, Editor-at-large, Adventist Review

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for July 19 - 25, 2015 is: **For the Avoidance of Self Righteousness.** -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 Children and Adolescents Ministries (CHAM) leaders as they steer our children and community friends into a wonderful *Destination of Paradise!*

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

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

ABC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

**REVIVAL SERIES
AT PHILADELPHIA CHURCH**



**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

**LOOK OUT
FOR GRAND BOOK DRIVE**

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

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE
AT BAHAMAS ACADEMY
Principal**

Bahamas Academy of Seventh-day Adventists is looking for a hard-working, dedicated leader to serve as principal. Under the direct supervision of the Office of Education of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the principal will manage a team of talented teachers, administrators, and other support staff.

**MINIMUM CANDIDATE
REQUIREMENTS:**

- Is a practicing Christian.
- Holds a Master's degree in educational leadership, curriculum and instruction, or related fields from an accredited institution.
- Has a proven track-record of school leadership, having generated exceptional student outcomes, with at least two years of data documenting strong academic, personal, and interpersonal outcomes.
- Has a minimum of three years' administrative experience, along with five years' teaching experience.
- Possesses excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Understands and is committed to the distinctive qualities of Seventh-day Adventist education.

The successful candidate will be responsible for ensuring that all aspects of the operations support the school's philosophy and mission.

Bahamas Academy is a K2 - 12 school with an enrollment of 745 students. It is accredited by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities. This is an exciting time for Bahamas Academy and a great opportunity for the right individual to make a difference in this Christian community. It is also an ideal opportunity for an instructional expert and collaborative school leader to lead a Seventh-day Adventist school toward continued excellence and possible expansion.

Candidates may download the application form from the conference website at southbahamasconference.org and submit the completed application form along with copies of professional degrees and resume to THE CHAIRMAN, SEARCH COMMITTEE, 135 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, Nassau, Bahamas or email the completed application form, copies of professional degrees, and resume to jscavella@sbcadventist.com no later than July 20, 2015.

Janitress

Bahamas Academy is in need of a Janitress to commence duty in the 2015-2016 school year.

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Science Teacher

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The committee reserves the right to reject the application of any or all applicants. -Office of Education



YOUTH TIDBITS

Sunday, July 18, 2015 at Hillview Church

6:00 a.m. - Master Guide Training

6:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study

**THE PHILOSOPHY OF CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES**

Children's Ministries is about developing the faith of children ages birth to fourteen. While

Sabbath School provides for religious education once a week, Children's Ministries looks at the whole child and seeks to provide multiple ministries that will lead children to Jesus and disciple them in their daily walk with Him.

The Bible makes it very clear that children are very special to God. If you examine what the Bible says about children, you will notice a great number of perspectives:

- Children are a gift from God. He gives children to parents as a special sign of love and personal fulfillment (Deut. 7:13; Ps. 127:3).
- Children are desirable. From creation, God has instructed us to bear children (Gen. 9:7; Deut. 6:3).
- Children bring joy and blessings to adults. God provides many benefits to parents through parenting their children (Num. 5:28; Deut. 28:4,11).
- Children need to be taught how to develop a relation with God. One of our greatest challenges is to pass on our beliefs and understanding of God to our children (Exod. 12:26,37; Deut. 6:1-7; Prov. 22:6).
- Children are so valuable to God that He commands us to protect them. Parents are to ensure the spiritual and physical security of their children (1 Sam. 20:42; Ezra 8:21).

- God loves children enough to ensure that they receive discipline. (Prov. 3:11-12; 13:24; 19:18; Eph. 6:4).

- God enjoys the nature and personality of children and asks adults to learn from them. Scripture identifies attributes such as sincerity, humility, simplicity, and trusting as qualities found in children, and God treasures these characteristics (Matt. 18:3; 19:14; Phil. 2:15).

If children matter this much to God, then they should matter as much to us, too.

Jesus' Great Commission is: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19, 20). Surely, this includes making disciples of children and leading them to make a personal commitment to Jesus.

-I Barna, George. *Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions*. Ventura, California: Regal Books, 2003.

**SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
JULY 25, 2015 AT 7:59 P.M.**

Website:

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

