

THE LOGOS



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“Year of The Pastor”

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PRAYING FOR GOD’S CHURCH - 60TH GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION



As the world church conducts its signal session, delegates are reminded of the mission of the church. It was gratifying to view and listen to the president’s report at the 60th General Conference session in San Antonio, Texas on Thursday, July 2, 2015.

The report reflected on the execution of planned initiatives of the quinquennium. The president, Elder Ted Wilson, showcased each region of the world with a scenic presentation in his introduction.

The efforts of the world regions realized what was a quinquennial mega effort to present Christ to the world. Initiatives like *Revival and Reformation* and *Mission to the Cities* were effectively highlighted in Elder Ted Wilson’s report. The impactful ministry of God’s people to create lifelines in critical places of dearth and crises evoked applause of gratitude to the power of God to use mortal flesh in His work.

Elder Wilson spoke of the outstanding initiatives of the Adventist Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) and Health Ministries to bring relief to hundreds of persons in San Antonio. The report was laced with information that gave a pictorial view of the struggle of God’s people in adverse circumstances that ended in triumph. Elder Wilson referred to a number of scripture passages like Psalm 119:105, Exodus 14, and Revelation 14... noting that, “It is in the Bible we find our mission.”

The delegates and members were reminded that God intervened when the Israelites faced adverse conditions. God displayed

His love and protection. Elder Ted Wilson reminded the audience that God is still doing extraordinary things as we look forward to his second coming.

Visitors usually outnumber delegates at a General Conference session and this year was no exception. A general conference session is regarded by many as a time to fellowship and to join thousands of people around the world in a festival of sorts. However, these meetings embody more than a coming together. It is a spiritual feast. Preceding the president’s report was a homely season of prayer that brought focus to the sanctity of the occasion and a concerted commitment to service and mission.

While many members of the South Bahamas Conference may not be in San Antonio, our conference administrators encourage all members to continue to pray for the 60th General Conference session.

According to Elder Ted Wilson, “During a General Conference Session, not only do we have the joy of worshipping together as a worldwide family; we have the opportunity to clearly focus on the mission of the church, and how best to accomplish that mission.” Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will guide all the decisions and activities. -*Editor*

I WANT TO LIVE HEALTHILY GRADUATION

On Sabbath, June 27th a commencement exercise was held for 279 persons who participated in the ‘I Want to Live Healthily’ program. This is an initiative of the Health Ministries Department of the Inter-American Division. The goal of the program is to make people more aware of how simple healthy living is. Over the course of 8 - 9 weeks, individuals participated and adopted 8 healthy habits each week that would enhance their overall health. These habits included: using and drinking water, having a positive attitude, eating salads, exercise, rest, fasting, breakfast and happiness. Participants gave testimonials on how they incorporated the 8 different habits into their lives and how much improvement it made.

In attendance and giving greetings were: Pastors Leonard Johnson, president; Atlantic Caribbean Union and Paul Scavella, president; South Bahamas Conference. Also, from the union was guest speaker, Mrs. Shirlene Henriques, director of Health and ADRA Ministries. She commended the participants for choosing to be a part of this life-changing programme. She reminded them that with Christ anything is possible and that the purpose for keeping themselves healthy is to be a part of the great commission – preaching and teaching and baptizing (leading people to Christ).

At the end of the programme all persons present were invited to partake of a healthy supper of salad and water.

The next step for ‘I Want To Live Healthily’ is to launch it to the community.

We encourage all of our church members to participate in this programme first and then take it to the community. -*Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

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*

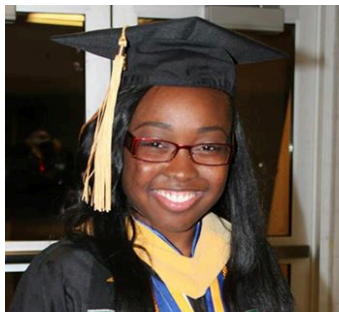
CHAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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 at your church.

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

SUMMER FEATURE



Danna Clarke graduated, Cum Laude, from Oakwood University on May 9, 2015 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Prior to graduation, Danna was selected as one of the honorees of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges". She is also a member of the Aeolians of Oakwood University. They will be singing at the 60th annual General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas and later in Washington, D.C. at B.E.T. Studios for the taping of the Bobby Jones Gospel show. Danna's accomplishments can also be attributed to the fine instruction she received at Bahamas Academy Elementary and Cayman Academy, where she was Salutatorian of her class. Danna has always been involved in youth ministry. This was evident when a youth program was established in the Cayman Islands called "iServe". Danna and her family currently attend the Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church where they regularly minister, singing songs of praise from a music CD they produced entitled "Call On Jesus Now".



WHAT CONSTITUTES A GOOD FATHER? Part III (Through the Eyes of a Teenager)

This is the conclusion of the articles of June 20, 2015 and June 27, 2015. Below, I will discuss the last two characteristics, which in my opinion constitute a good father.

6. Goal Oriented/Purpose Driven. A good father seeks to discover the purpose for which he was born. If he does not know his purpose, he certainly cannot direct his children to live wholesome lives. He knows that it is only through trust in God that one's purpose can be discovered. A good father has a plan for his family. He does whatever is necessary to prepare for his family's future here. Yes we are all waiting for God's second coming, but we are instructed to occupy until He returns (Luke 19:13). Therefore, a good father sets goals for himself and his family in order to

secure their future on this earth. This may be in the form of finances, education, and health among many more aspects.

7. Focuses On Self-Development/ Self Care. Personal development is not often considered but in order to effectively take care of his family, a good father must take care of himself. It involves taking time out for personal devotions, and self care. I see many fathers grow fat, old and in bad shape because they spend more time providing things that they or their family don't need, and end up neglecting their health. Many provisions are not necessary. Taking the time out to relax, to exercise, and just to reflect are very necessary. A father in good spiritual and physical health is better equipped to lead his family. Also some fathers are always telling their children to read the Bible or read a good book. A good father also takes the time to read for personal growth.

Finally, there are many other attributes of a good father, but fathers can only attain the character of Christ by abiding in God's word on a daily basis. When he connects with God, he is transformed, and his family reaps the benefits of that connection. -*Kyle Moss, Grade 10 Student; Bahamas Academy*

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for July 5 - 11, 2015 is: ***For the Embracing of the Character of Christ.*** -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator*

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

CARE PACKAGE DISTRIBUTION

The Berea and Breath of Life Churches will distribute care packages at the Princess Margaret Hospital on July 18, 2015. -*Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, WM Director*

MONTHLY MEETING BURIAL SOCIETY

The July meeting of the local Adventist Burial Society is cancelled due to the 60th 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 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. -*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

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you to everyone who supported and participated the I Want to Live Healthily graduation. To the Health Directors and Trainers, thank you for consistently running the programmes in your churches over that last 8 - 9 weeks. We would like for you to continue running this programme in your churches until every member has participated. We plan to launch this initiative in the community. -*Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix*

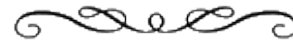
IN SYMPATHY



The South Bahamas Conference mourns the passing of Sister Roceta Miller. We extend condolences to her husband, Elder Percy Miller, her children, Paul, Keffie Ann, Marlene, and Cyrus. We are confident that God will be a tower of strength in this most difficult time. May your confidence in Him remain secure. God is able to soothe your grieving hearts. Our prayers are steadfast for the family. -*Administration*

CRITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As requests for submissions in The Logos mount, the editor requests the following: Except for lead articles, we recommend that you limit non-departmental reports to 150 words and announcements to 45 words. We are very appreciative of your support and cooperation in this matter. -*Editor*



YOUTH TIDBITS

Sunday, June 28, 2015 at Hillview Church

6:00 a.m. - Master Guide Training
6:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study

**SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
JULY 11, 2015 AT 8:03 P.M.**

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Have a Blessed and Wonderful Sabbath!

