

# THE LOGOS



Refreshed and Revived Year of the Child and Adolescent "Lord Transform Me"

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## VISITOR'S DAY



The Seventh-day Adventist Church, being a global church, is always looking for ways to encourage unity among its 81,552 churches

worldwide. One such way is the Adventist Church's *Calendar of Special Emphasis Days and Events*. Not only is this calendar an attempt to bring unity among its sisterhood of churches, but it also helps to raise awareness of key issues, such as abuse prevention, family and religious freedom, Safety Sabbath, Global Youth Day, as well as Friends of Hope Day, which we know as Visitor's Sabbath.

Sabbath, April 14, 2018, has been set aside by the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a time for every local church to open its doors to members of the local community. The stated aim is to offer the local congregation an opportunity to share its hospitality and, through that, to engage visitors in what it means to be a part of God's family.

William T. Ham answers a question from our 2018 first quarter's Sabbath School quarterly that asks the question, "Can a Christian be selfish?" He states, "There are many things which a person can do alone, but being a Christian is not one of them. As the Christian life is, above all things, a state of union with Christ, and of union of his followers with one another, love of the brethren is inseparable from love of God. Resentment toward any human being cannot exist in the same heart with love to God. The personal relationship to Christ can only be realized when one has 'come to himself' as a member of His Body, the Christian fellowship."

While Visitor's Day or Friends of Hope Day is a Sabbath that should be celebrated in our churches, I caution that adequate

training of the Sabbath School personnel from greeters, ushers, superintendents, teachers and members must take place. Unfortunately, there are numerous stories of visitors and missing members who finally accepted an invitation to join us for Visitor's Day or Friends of Hope Day to be confronted with a "miss spoken word", which drives them away forever. There is an abundance of training materials available from the Sabbath School Department at every level or structure of the church.

The hope that today will be better than yesterday gets us out of bed in the morning and keeps us going through another day. Hope is an amazing commodity. It allows prisoners to endure a sentence of many years because they believe that some miracle will eventually let them experience freedom and allow them to reunite with their families. Hope allows someone with a terminal illness to believe that a cure lies just around the corner, that if they survive just a little longer, doctors may come up with a treatment that will give them an opportunity to enjoy the blessings of good health. Who knows? The prayers of family and friends may result in some kind of miracle. Who knows what tomorrow will bring? That's why we hope.

Therefore, let us plan, train and prepare for Friends of Hope Day. If your local church does not have it on the Calendar, speak with the Pastor, Elders or Sabbath School Superintendent and encourage them to plan a day to encourage your community to visit and see the hospitality of your church. -Pastor Kenny Deveaux, Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church

### RETRIEVING BIOGRAPHIES OF LONG-STANDING MEMBERS

The Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department has engaged in the project of collecting biographies of all members in the conference who have reached seventy years old and above and who have served the church for over ten years.

Should you fall in this category, kindly submit your name along with a one-page single spaced typewritten biography. This

is if you have not been contacted by one of the designated persons in your church.

A photograph should accompany each biography. In the event you do not have a satisfactory photograph, we can take one for you. Please deliver the biographies and photographs to the PARL director of your church or to Mrs. Mary Knott at the South Bahamas Conference office. -Paul A. Scavella, PARL Director

### ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

#### 2019 LTM Reaping Campaigns in ATCU

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, April 15 - 21, 2018 is: **Technical Team.** - Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

### BLOOD DRIVE

For all persons interested in becoming regular voluntary blood donors and who were wanting to be a part of the Living Faith's Blood Drive on April 1st are asked to stop by the Princess Margaret Hospital Blood Bank anytime between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. The Blood Drive scheduled for April 1st has been postponed. The Health Ministries Department appreciates your willingness to give and thank you on behalf of all those who are in need of blood. -Ms. Cara Ghabrielle Dorsett, Health Ministries Department, Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church

### ADVENTIST LAYMEN'S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES (ASI) BAHAMAS PROMOTIONAL NEWS

ASI Convention 2018 is slated to convene on August 5 - 13 in Cancun, Mexico. You are invited to be an integral part of this spirituality-charged and life-changing event.

In connection with this upcoming event, the ASI executive committee is encouraging all churches to sponsor at least two members from smaller churches and for large churches up to five members.

Also, team ASI Bahamas continues its membership drive. Official letters with relevant information and envelopes are in all churches today.

All members are invited to join ASI Bahamas to share Christ in the marketplace together. -ASI President Ian Greene

## MUSIC WORKSHOP

The Music Ministries Department of the Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church will host a Praise Workshop from Thursday, April 26, 2018 through Sabbath, April 28, 2018 at the church in Elizabeth Estates. Sessions will be led by Mr. Theo Milford, gospel vocalist and worship leader; and Mr. Dermaine Isaacs, pianist. Both presenters are from the Washington D.C. area. Praise and worship teams, choirs, or anyone interested are invited to attend.

Please contact Pastor Terry Tanis at telephone number 636-3078, or Sister Annette Dorsett music coordinator, at telephone number 324-5654 or 423-8252 by April 15, 2018 for further details and if you wish to participate. -Pastor Terry Tanis and Sister Annette Dorsett, Music Coordinator; Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### -Donation Request-

Used, but in good condition devotionals. Kindly donate to your local Women's Ministries Leader for distribution during our community out-reach projects this year. -Mrs. J. Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

### -Upcoming Events-

#### Second Quarter (April -June)

"WE" (Women Empowerment) - at a glance:

#### April 2018

15: Hillview WM - Royal Ladies Tea Party

22: Operation Jabez 3

#### May 2018

TBA SBC GEMS Event

May 27: Women's Ministries Alabaster Awards.

#### June 2018

9: Women's Ministries & GEMS Emphasis Day

TBA: WM - Zone 2 Community Out-reach

### -Gem Coordinators to Meet-

There will be an important meeting for all GEMS Coordinators at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church on Baillou Road South on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 12:00 noon. -Sister Estelle Cherenfant, SBC GEMS Coordinator

## THE TALKING BACKPACK

All churches are encouraged to be vigilant stewards in the missionary programme, *The Talking Backpack*. We are kindly reminding the personal ministries leaders in our churches to work along with the CHAM leaders in following up with the contacts made by our children. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Director

## SeLD CONFERENCE

Elders who are interested in attending the SeLD conference at the Inter-American Division Headquarters on July 9 - 11, 2018 are urged to contact the office of the Ministerial Department of the South Bahamas Conference office for registration details and financial information. -Pastor Paul Scavella, Ministerial Director

## CHAM - AT A GLANCE

### -2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter-

Ongoing: Talking Backpack in the various churches

May 26: World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk

June 16: CHAM Speech Symposium

June 24 -30: Camp Meeting (Sabbath Talking Backpack Emphasis)

## YOUTH VEGAN COOK OFF

The Health Ministries Department will be sponsoring the *Third Annual Youth Cook Off* at Bahamas Academy located on Marshall Road on July 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All those between the ages of 10 - 17 who enjoy cooking and eating delicious vegan dishes are invited to participate. If you are interested, form a team of four and come to show off your cooking skills. Trophies, prizes and surprises will be awarded. To register your team, or for more information kindly contact Nathelyn LaCroix at 341-4021 or 323-0610 or email [lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com](mailto:lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com).

## The Agape Seventh-day Adventist Church Music Ministry

Presents Concert 2018

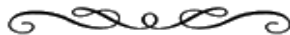
On Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Under the Theme: "Victory Belongs to Jesus!"  
Featuring: *The Adventist Inspirationals*, Allison Rolle, Nadia Rodriguez, Marvin Edgar, Sophia Viola, Adventist Youth Choir, Sons of Our Father and many more.

This night promises to be inspirational, sensational and enjoyable as we lift up the name of Jesus. Don't miss it. Plan to be there and be blessed!

Tickets at a nominal fee

Venue: H.D. Colburn Gym (Old Bahamas Academy) Wulff Road opposite Bamboo Shack  
For tickets, please contact: Kemoy Emmanuel at 433-8093 or Paula Green at 429-0429



SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH  
APRIL 21, 2018 AT 7:34 P.M.

Conference website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>

Email: [logos@sbcadventist.com](mailto:logos@sbcadventist.com)

Telephone: 341-4021

Have a blessed Sabbath!

## CHAM CORNER

### God Writes to Me

Do you love getting letters from someone you love? Are you excited when you get a letter from your grandpa, grandma, or a good friend? Do you enjoy reading every word carefully?

I got a letter from my grandfather today. He told me that he almost slipped and fell in the snow, that the birds at his feeder are eating up the seeds real fast, and grandmother caught a cold last week but is doing much better although she still snuffles.

Then he gave me some advice about a kid at school who enjoys making my life miserable. I really needed new ideas for dealing with that situation. I always look forward to grandfather's letters.

The pastor told us that the Bible is a 'letter from God' written by prophets, disciples, spiritual leaders, and other men and women who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. He said God's Word tells us about God's character, His love for everyone, and His plan to save us from sin. I didn't understand what he meant until I began getting letters from my grandfather. Now, it makes sense: God tells stories, gives great advice, and shows me how to stay away from trouble just like grandfather does.

The apostle Paul wrote many love letters to the members of the churches in Corinth, Ephesus, and Galatia. He encouraged them to be faithful to Jesus, and he gave them wonderful advice on how to love one another in the church and in the family.

If you like getting letters, do what I do. Grab a modern translation of the Bible and read a few chapters. Begin with the book of Matthew or check out Psalms. You'll learn that Jesus died for you and is, right this minute, building a mansion for you in heaven. How wonderful that is! Think of God as a really smart grandfather with a backyard full of birds. Then enjoy your Bible-God's letter of love to you.

### *Check It Out!*

- The word Bible comes from the Greek word *biblia* meaning 'books'.
- The Bible was written by different people over a period of sixteen hundred years.
- The Bible has sixty-six books and is divided in to two parts- the Old Testament and the New Testament.

*The above lesson is taken from the book, God Loves Me 28 Ways, Seventh-day Adventists Believe For Kids by Charles and Linda Koh*

