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

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THE SILENT MESSENGER



The publishing ministry of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists exists to proclaim, through print media the *Gospel of*

Hope throughout our region in this generation. The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it has never been before. "There are many places in which the voice of the preacher cannot be heard, places which can be reached only by our publications, -the books, papers, and tracts filled with Bible truths that the people need." *Colporteur Ministry*, pg. 4

A vital part of the church's mission at this crucial time in earth's history is to scatter the printed pages like the leaves of autumn. For Seventh-day Adventists, the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ is our mission statement. It is the very essence of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12. However, recent events around the world have injected an element of confusion as to our current options. The attendance in some conference churches has dropped, leaving much smaller congregations. There is a total ban in some places on public evangelism, which adversely affects strategic planning for spreading the gospel. We praise God for retention programs and the church's initiatives in small-group evangelism! This is a wonderful method that is suitable for volatile areas.

It is also important to emphasize the fact that through the publishing ministry literature evangelists are invaluable in helping churches grow. Stories abound in which literature (books, tracts, and periodicals) is going where we cannot readily go. In some areas the following adage is true: "Mount a pulpit to preach, and

you will be stoned; but give them books, and they will be read." Many families have joined the church because they have read the truth from literature. We cannot underestimate the power of books in spreading the gospel. When we place books into the hands of people, there is no telling how far they will go and into whose hands they will fall.

Throughout the South Bahamas Conference, factual stories abound in which The Great Controversy has brought people from various backgrounds into the Seventh-day church. Some have also read National Sunday Law, The New World Order, and other Adventist reading materials. It is my conviction that where the 'printed pages' are implemented with all seriousness it will be vastly effective. The gospel will be spread into every 'nook and corner'; and as a result, it will help to usher in the second coming of Christ. This is an urgent task!

There is power in literature! Yes, people can be forbidden to conduct or listen to public evangelism efforts, but books find their way. It is our job as 'people of the book' to flood them into our archipelagic regions. They will silently and persuasively perform where other methods of evangelism are not so successful. -Pastor Nikita Thompson, Publishing Director

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the fifth quadrennial session of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church located on Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas during November 4 - 6, 2018.

Registration for all delegates will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. on November 4. The first meeting of the business session will be called at 5:00 p.m.

The Conference Session is called to:

1. Receive reports from the officers and various departments.
2. Elect officers and departmental directors to serve for the next four-year term.
3. Transact such other business as may be properly placed before the delegates.

-Pastor Peter Joseph, Secretary



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

ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY IN BIBLE PROPHECY

-Understand Bible Prophecy-



The headlines are unmistakable. Our world is on the precipice of extraordinary cataclysmic change. The conflict between two great world religions - Islam and Christianity - is fast approaching a devastating

climax that will shake the whole world.

In an age of constant unpredictability, how can we really know what the future holds? After a decade of careful study and scholarly legwork, speaker and author, Tim Roosenberg unveils a staggering new study of Bible prophecy that demonstrates that the Bible is not silent regarding Islam in these last days.

To be a part of this presentation, visit the Johnson Park Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, April 28 at 11:00 a.m.

Presentations include: Daniel 11, Current Events and the writings of Ellen G. White. -Pastor Leonardo Rahming, Johnson Park 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

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

-Gems 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

CHAM - AT A GLANCE

-2nd 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)

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. -Pastor Terry Tanis and Sister Annette Dorsett, Music Coordinator; Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church

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

HEALTH MINISTRIES

-Family Island Health Emphasis-

All persons interested in being a part of *Health Ministries Outreach* in San Salvador on April 27 - 29, 2018 and Acklins on May 30 - June 6, 2018 may contact Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610 or email lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com

ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

2019 LTM Reaping Campaigns in ATCU

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, April 22 - 28, 2018 is: *Preaching Sites in Cayman*. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

8 WEEKS TO WELLNESS 2018

-Graduation-

On April 9, 2018, a commencement exercise was held for 90 persons who participated in the 14th annual South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventist 8 Weeks to Wellness program. Over the course of 8 - 9 weeks, individuals participated and adopted 10 challenges each week that would enhance their overall health. There were presentations on nutrition, cancer prevention, and backyard farming. Presentation topics included: The Right Kind of Food for your Brain, Knowing Your Kidneys, Vegetarian Cooking and Non-communicable diseases (NCD's) Prevention.

Dressed in aquamarine 8 Weeks to Wellness t-shirts, participants shared inspirational and encouraging testimonials. They thanked their faithful coaches and made lifelong friends. An admirable feature of the exercise was their ability to encourage each other. Enduring the entire nine weeks was not easy for some, but they were grateful. Much improvement was made to their overall health.

In attendance and bringing greetings were; Pastors Kent Price, youth director of the Atlantic Caribbean Union, and Paul Scavella, president of the South Bahamas Conference. Dr. Kea Thompson, consultant on non-communicable diseases at the Pan-American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) was the keynote speaker. She commended the participants for choosing to be a part of a life-changing program. She congratulated both the participants and the organizers of the event, stressing the importance of programs like this which go a long way in helping to achieve the goal of a healthy Bahamas.

The ultimate goal of Eight Weeks to Wellness is to give back to the community and to help relieve the burden of chronic diseases that are negatively impacting Bahamians.

Lastly, we would like to thank all the coaches, facilitators, and security officers who did all they could to make this year's 8 Weeks to Wellness program a grand success. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

PRAYER MINISTRIES UPDATE - 2018

-Monthly Joint Prayer Schedule-

Christian greetings to all.

Please note that the *May Joint Prayer Meeting* will be held at the Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church on Marshall Road on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 6:00 a.m.

The June Joint Prayer Meeting will be held at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wellington Street on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 6:00 a.m.

The July Joint Prayer Meeting will be our next Quarterly All Night Prayer Meeting at the New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 9:00 p.m. - Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 6:00 a.m.

Please make plans to attend. Invite your family and friends who want a spiritual extended time with the Lord. -Ms. Ali McIntosh, Prayer Team

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.

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

DEACONESS DAY AT BEREA

The Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrates Deaconess Day on Sabbath, May 5, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. A special invitation is extended to all deacons and deaconesses of the conference. -Ms. Martha Rolle, Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church



SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
APRIL 28, 2018 AT 7:38 P.M.

Conference website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>

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Have a blessed Sabbath!

