

# THE LOGOS



Connected: Scatter to Gather

"Lord Transform Me"

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## CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS LIFTING UP JESUS



As the South Bahamas Conference launches a number of evangelistic efforts during this first half of the year, our children and adolescents are also called to look again at the important watchword, "Evangelism" in the acronym FEDSS. A prolific writer, Ellen G. White refers to evangelism as "the life blood of the church". The imagery used suggests an innate connection to daily living and commitment to Christ. Each believer is called to herald God's message to a world in chaos and despair. Evangelism places the church in a position of expansion and great possibilities for God's people. Even in our own nation, as we look about us, the fields are white and ready for harvest (John 4:35).

Since the early days of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, great emphasis has been placed on the Spirit of Prophecy and the principles and practice of soul winning. This is intrinsic to the fabric that makes us Seventh-day Adventists. Therefore, our children are not exempt from the call to be evangelists. Indeed every believer is mandated by the power of the Holy Spirit to engage in this work to which we are called. The inspired pen urges us to evangelism through the following exhortation:

*"The conditions that face Christian workers in the great cities, constitute a solemn appeal for untiring effort in behalf of the millions living within the shadow of impending doom. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and they must have opportunity to hear and to understand Bible truth, in order that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. God is now calling His messengers in no uncertain terms, to warn the cities while mercy still lingers, and while multitudes are yet susceptible to the converting influence of Bible truth", Review and Herald, April 7, 1910.*

These counsels still resonate today as we prepare our children for the second coming of our Lord and Saviour. Let us allay our fears and inhibitions as we claim the promises of God and experience a tumultuous harvest for His Kingdom. He has declared that it is not by our might but it is by the indwelling spirit of the Lord that men and women (and children) can be drawn to a saving Father (cf. Zechariah 4:6). Dispel the temptation to be in the background and take your stand in proclaiming the undiluted message of grace through a service that only you can offer. Rededicate your talents and gifts to His service and you will be amazed at how God multiplies them.

Today marks the final service of the Children and Adolescents campaign. Our youngsters have spoken, some have decided to become forever friends with Jesus. They have scattered the gospel and now they gather for consecration.

Around the conference, pastors and congregations have hosted a number of campaigns since the year began. Our children are also playing their part in the proclamation of the gospel. Won't you join this happy throng as they conclude the CHAM campaign at the New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church? The service starts at 11:00 a.m. today (April 2, 2016). Come let us worship the King! -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Children and Adolescent Ministries Director

### CONFERENCE HOSTS INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

The South Bahamas Conference hosts the associate stewardship director of the Inter-American Division today (April 2.) Prepare to share with us as we seek to be faithful stewards. Pastor James Daniel will speak at the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church at 11:00 a.m. and also at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church at 5:00 p.m. -Mr. Anthony Burrows, Stewardship & Trust Director

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

#### -Atlantic Caribbean Union Symposium-

Our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union will host its joint Symposium at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on May 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. All churches will be involved in the Lord Transform Me Initiative. The coordinator will give further information on the involvement of each church. Pastors and their districts will also proclaim their baptismal goals and achievement thus far. The Lord will use His transforming power in helping us to realize the goals.

#### -Launch of Lord Transform Me-

The official launch of the Lord Transform Me Initiative will take place on April 17 in Venezuela. In conjunction with this event, three satellite sites will be set up here in the capital for training. The conference office will be one of the sites. The other two sites will be announced next week. Each church will appoint coordinators and team members. These names will be submitted to Mrs. Bridgette Bastian at the conference office.

#### -Camp Meeting-

Yes, Camp Meeting is almost here again! It will be on June 13 - 18, 2016. It is going to be exciting, inspiring, and encouraging. Under the theme, *Scatter to Gather*, the conference will be called to allow the Lord to transform us, as each member focuses on total membership involvement. Churches are asked to get their church colors, banners, and get involved in this mighty movement of God.

Scatter to Gather embraces the mission of the church to go into all the world, come out of the four walls and reach people where they are. Go into all the world..., beginning with our family members, backslidden members, then to our neighbors, and our enemies. Scatter the word like leaves of autumn. Jesus is coming soon! Do the work of an evangelist. GO, GO, GO!

Check your conference website every day for new and exciting updates. Our weekend speaker

will be Dr. C. Wesley Knight, professor of Theology at Oakwood University.

Workshops and devotional moments will begin each night at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church, followed by a one hour workshop and then culminate with the night worship service that will conclude by 9:00 pm. each night. Supper will be provided between 5:30 - 6:00 o'clock each evening at a nominal cost.

On Friday, June 17 the service will gather at the Melia Resort for the home stretch of Camp Meeting. On Sabbath morning, there will be two services. One service will be at the Hillview Church for all our CHAM members, and the second service will be at the Melia Resort for our youth, young adults and senior members. I employ you to pray now for a revival to break forth over the course of this week of special services. God's power will be manifested in a marked way upon His church! -Pastor Paul Scavella

### SPECIAL INVITATION



You are cordially invited to a Health and Prophecy Series, under the theme: "The Caribbean in Prophecy" beginning Sunday, April 2 - 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Englerston Seventh-day Adventist Church, East Street (near Cordeaux Avenue). Come and hear Evangelist Edward St. Fleur expound on the prophecies of the "Old World, New World, and the Caribbean!" Come one, come all, a blessing awaits you! -Pastor Edward St. Fleur, Evangelist

### INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED CHIP PROGRAM

This is your chance to be a part of the Internationally renowned Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP). You are invited to attend a Free Information session on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at the J. Whitney Pinder Building 21 Collins Avenue at 6:00 pm. Bring your friends and bring yourself. Check our CHIP website for more information: [www.chiphhealth.com](http://www.chiphhealth.com). For further information contact Dr. Idamae Hanna at telephone 323-5473.

### ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

#### -Cayman Islands Conference-

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for April 3 - April 9, 2016 is: *West Bay and the Berea Churches in The Cayman Islands Conference*. Let us join the entire union in prayer. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

### PSALM SUNDAY AT BETHANY

The Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church is pleased to introduce Psalm Sunday - a unique celebration of the psalms in music, drama and poetry. You are invited to experience this event on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. as part of the church's 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For more information, email Melanie Hutcheson at [PsalmSunday2016@gmail.com](mailto:PsalmSunday2016@gmail.com)

### RETIREMENT SEMINAR

The South Bahamas Conference Retirement

Seminar previously scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2016 has been postponed to Sunday, April 17, 2016. The seminar will be held at the Bahamas Academy Boardroom on Marshall Road at 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Workers with invitation letters are asked to take note and make adjustment accordingly. You don't want to miss this informative seminar. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Executive Secretary

### SINGLE AND GIFTED EXPERIENCE

Here is an update on the annual SINGLE AND GIFTED EXPERIENCE. All singles, including divorcees, widows, and widowers, but not excluding other singles, will convene at the Super Clubs Breezes on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of worship, fellowship, and seminars. All day Sunday will be fun and games at super Club Breezes. Friday evening event is free. To get the cost of the all-day fun and games, please call the South Bahamas Conference Office at 341-4021. The fun day is 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Singles, let's plan for the EXPERIENCE. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Family Ministries

### ADVENTIST MEN

The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI) will begin 17-week courses on Sundays only, for all interested persons (regardless of gender). The courses will begin on Sunday, April 17, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The courses are: Carpentry, Electrical Installation and Plumbing. In order for BTVI to offer the Sunday programs, there should be a minimum of 60 persons. Registration deadline is April 3, 2016. For costs and additional information, please contact Elder Patrick Wilson of the Message of Hope Church or Bro Basil Neely at BTVI telephone: 362-2453 (h) or 636-7415 or Alexander Darville at 424-0526. -Adventist Men Department

### FAMILY ISLAND HEALTH RETREAT

All health professionals and persons who are interested in being a part of a health retreat on June 2 - 5 are asked to contact Sister LaCroix at 323-0610.

### JOINT EMOTIONAL WELLNESS PROGRAMME/DISCUSSION

-Save The Date-

You are invited to join Health Ministries on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> for an Emotional Wellness Program/Discussion. You do not want to miss this! Details to come. -Dr. Monique Mitchell

### BEREA TO HOST WELLNESS SEMINAR

The Health Ministries Department of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting the *I Want to Be Healthy Wellness Seminar* on March 30, 2016 to May 18, 2016. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the church. Registration is Free! Come join us and develop a new habit each week. To register call 362-1258 or 341-1607. -Dr. Monique Mitchell, Health Ministries Director; Berea

### CHAM ART EXHIBITION

The Children and Adolescent Ministries Department will have its Art Exhibition later this year. Details on the exhibition will be posted after the CHAM campaign. Your local Cham leaders will share information soon. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Director

### OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF LIVE RADIO CHURCH BROADCASTS

WORD SBC 88.3FM will be having the official launch of its LIVE radio church broadcasts on Sabbath April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, which has been designated Media Emphasis Day. On this day our listeners will be able to tune in to a church service brought to them in real time from the

Good News SDA Church with speaker, Pastor T. Basil Sturup. This is the first of regular broadcasts that will be conducted the 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath of each month from our churches. Please see the conference website for the schedule of upcoming church broadcasts. WORD SBC 88.3FM can be accessed with the TUNE IN app on your cellphones/computers and on [www.southbahamasconference.com](http://www.southbahamasconference.com). -Mrs.

Lavern Sturup, Radio Coordinator

### MONTHLY JOINT SBC RUN/WALK

Join us on April 10, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. for regular rejuvenation. We start at 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! We are encouraging participation from all the churches. At the end of the year, the church with the largest participation will be recognized. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix

### THE EXUMA DISTRICT WELCOMES CONFERENCE STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR



The Exuma District of Seventh-day Adventists held its stewardship emphasis weekend on March 29. The guest speaker was Elder Anthony Burrows, stewardship director of the South Bahamas Conference. Elder Burrows shared practical principles on stewardship, explaining that stewardship entails much more than time, talent, and treasure - it's everything! He admonished members to be faithful and watch God work magnificently in their lives. -Denise Curtis, Communication Department

### MOSS TOWN CHURCH HOSTS "DRIVE DOWN MEMORY LANE" FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

"...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The community services department of the Moss Town Seventh-day Adventist Church, Exuma, The Bahamas held its first "Drive Down Memory Lane" bus tour of the western settlements of Exuma for the senior citizens of the communities of Moss Town, Mt. Thompson, and Rolleville on the Easter Monday holiday, March 28, 2016.

Sister Loretta Collins, the community services director, was elated to add what she termed "a sparkle" in the hearts of their community jewels - their senior citizens - who were thrilled to share in the experience of a bus ride on the "big yellow school bus." The adventure gave many of them the opportunity to reunite with their friends, discover the changes that had taken place on the island, and to simply have a special outing.

At one of the stops on the tour, Sandals Resort at Emerald Bay, the management and staff of the popular tourist destination donated water and snacks which were greatly appreciated. Sister Leona Curtis, one of the senior citizens, commented that the tour was a "breath of fresh air." Pastor Terry Tanis, district pastor, led out in the lively singing of favourite traditional hymns throughout the almost 4-hour tour.

Elder Pedro Rolle educated the elderly on the new developments that were taking place on the island, and they, in turn, shared their historical recollections of various places and other precious memories as they sipped on refreshing coconut water. After the tour, the group enjoyed a hot meal.

Commenting on the day's event afterwards, the head elder of Moss Town SDA Church, Wayne Curtis, said, "Helping the elderly in our community is a mandate of the church, and it is always a good feeling when the church can impact the community in positive ways."



Special thanks to Sandals Emerald Bay's staff and general manager, Mr. Jeremy Mutton, for their hospitality and light refreshments.



-Mrs. Denise Curtis, Communication Secretary, Moss Town

### ALL NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

The South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists *Joint Quarterly All Night Prayer Meeting* will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 9:00 p.m. until Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 a.m. at the Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church on Marshall Road.

Under the theme, "Victory in Praise" the nine-hour prayer and praise marathon is expected to be a wonderful time of praise, testimony, victory, and fellowship in the presence of the Lord. All are invited to attend and be blessed.

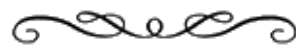
Bring a friend, a family member, and your prayer requests. The Lord promises to answer our prayers! A wonderful breakfast will follow at 6:00 a.m. for those who wait in His presence. See you there. -Ms. A. McIntosh, Prayer Ministries

### MONTHLY MEETING -Burial Society-

The Seventh-day Adventist Burial Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church Annex. We have recorded six (6) deaths for 2015 and two (2) deaths for 2016. Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the society are invited to attend. -Elder R. Henry Moncur

### LOGOS CONTACT

All information for *The Logos* should be emailed to: [logos@sbcadventist.com](mailto:logos@sbcadventist.com)



### YOUTH TIDBITS Bible Study

Bible study will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Kindly bring your bible, pen, and a notepad. We will have an exciting time in the Word! -Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director

### SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH APRIL 9, 2016 AT 7:29 P.M.

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Have a Blessed Sabbath!

