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

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CAN PEOPLE HEAR WHAT WE ARE NOT SAYING?



Two o'clock one morning a wife wakes up her husband and says to him, "Honey, it's hot in here." He turns his head towards her and says, "Yes, I know," and goes back to sleep.

When they wake up hours later to get ready to go to work, the wife says to her husband, "Honey why didn't you put on the fan last night?" He responds by saying "you did not tell me to do that." She says "Yes I did." An argument ensues leading to the wife shouting, "You never listen to me." Literally, she did not ask him to turn on the fan although that was the message intended. Similarly, when sharing the gospel we often assume the listener receives the intended message. However, that is not always true.

Many times we forget about the non-verbal messages. Further, we often are not aware of the cultural and personal dynamics that actually change the meaning and importance of words in the minds of people. Also, we must remember that although the listeners will be able to write down exactly what we are saying, that does not mean they got the message intended. Even when it comes to sharing the Gospel, people filter the words we say through their own cultural, emotional, and experiential biases.

Hence, I have a few questions. When we are sharing the gospel, "Are the listeners **hearing** what we are not saying? Are they **seeing** what we are not saying? Are they **seeing** what we are saying? In other words, if we did not speak would they still hear us?" It is my belief that the loudest voices sharing the gospel are those without a spoken word but Christ-like lifestyle. Furthermore, there should not be a conflict between what we are saying and what they are hearing.

From a more positive angle, each person comes with his own set of unique definitions and meaning to words; thus when I say something to them, they may not be able to understand because our dictionary is different than theirs. That is not always negative. It just calls for awareness, patience, sensitivity, and compassion. To further explain, I will go back to my relationship motif. The language of each one of us is uniquely patterned but it does not come with a set of instructions for

understanding. Persons must be patient to take the time to learn their partner's language. I've had clients who would respond to a question from a partner with the words "It's okay." The word "okay" has a connotation of mediocrity or not the best. But that is not always true. For some people it is their language or norm for expression of satisfaction. For example, I asked a client "On a scale of 1 to 10 what is okay? Consider one is very bad and ten in the best." The client said nine. That shocked his wife. She thought he meant about two or three. The answer created a relief and started the relationship on a positive track.

Clinical Psychologist Dr. Tony Humphreys, in his article entitled "*Please hear what I am not saying*" writes:

"The greatest gift you can give to another is an unconditional acceptance of his or her unique presence. Another wonderful gift that brings hope is to **hear** what a person is not saying or what a person is not doing. The reality is that we all wear masks – masks that hide the truth of our individuality and of the deep hurts that we have experienced. The number of masks that we create depends on the frequency, duration, and intensity of the hurts experienced. Masks are defensive creations against having to re-experience the traumas of emotional abandonment, sexual violation, of 'not being good enough', 'of having to prove myself all of the time', of living under a tyranny of 'shoulds', 'have tos', or 'having to do everything perfectly.'"

When we are sharing the gospel we must be able to "hear" what the listeners are not saying to us. Body language, dress, facial expression, conversations about themselves, are usually loaded with messages we are to pick up. If we can do this we will make the Gospel more attractive. This certainly brings a new twist to evangelism - "being the sermon." Next time you are sharing the gospel, remember you do not have to speak to share it. Most importantly, listeners will "hear" what you are not saying. Be aware. -Pastor Barrington H. Brennen

CAMP MEETING IS COMING SOON



ORDINATION SERVICE

The ordination service for Pastor Terry Tanis will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. We invite the entire conference to attend this sacred exercise. -Pastor Paul Scavella, Ministerial Director

ATCU HOLDS EIGHTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

On Wednesday, May 16, 2018, all roads will lead to the Hillview Church for the eighth annual Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) Symposium which begins at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and be inspired by the video praise reports of what the Lord is doing through His people in The Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. In addition to majestic music, Christian fellowship, and thanksgiving, Pastor Leonard Johnson, secretary-elect of the Inter-American Division, will give his final spiritual charge as president of ATCU. So, don't miss out on your blessing! We look forward to seeing you there. -SBC Conference Administration

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED ATCU OFFICERS

A very special invitation is extended to all members to attend the installation service for Pastor Peter Kerr and Dr. Cheryl Rolle, the newly elected president and secretary of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU), that will be held at the Hillview Church on Sabbath, May 19, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Israel Leito, president of the Inter-American Division (IAD), will preside, performing what will be his last official function in our union before his retirement which becomes effective August 1, 2018. He will be assisted by Dr. Elie Henry, IAD secretary/IAD president-elect; Dr. Filiberto Verduzco, IAD treasurer; and Pastor Leonard Johnson, IAD secretary-elect and outgoing ATCU president. -SBC Conference Administration

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 9:00 a.m. and continue until 12:00 noon on November 4. The first meeting of the business session will be called at 2:00 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

ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

2019 LTM Reaping Campaigns in ATCU

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, April 29 – May 5, 2018 is: **Preaching Sites in Freeport.** -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

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

29: Operation Jabez 3 for all Local Leaders 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Living Faith Fellowship Hall

29: Centreville Women's Ministries "Celebrate Your Purse-onality" 3:00 p.m. at Centreville Fellowship Hall

29: Grant's Town Women's Ministries "A Time for Everything" Tea Party 3:00 p.m. at the Grants Town Fellowship Hall

May 2018

TBA SBC GEMS Event

18-20: San Salvador Women's Ministries Retreat Weekend

27: Women's Ministries Alabaster Awards.

June 2018

9: Women's Ministries & GEMS Emphasis Day

TBA: WM - Zone 2 Community Outreach

Save the Date!

Under the theme, "Because I Care", the North Bahamas Conference will be hosting the Atlantic Caribbean Union's Retreat at the Grand Lucayan Resort, in Freeport Grand Bahama, on October 19-21, 2018 with guest speaker, Sharon Platt-McDonald. Kindly see your local leader for further details. Please also note that the registration deadline is June 29, 2018. -Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

MUSIC WORKSHOP

The Music Ministries Department of the Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church culminates their workshop at 6:30 p.m. today (Sabbath, April 28, 2018) at the church in Elizabeth Estates. Bring the entire family for a spiritual treat! Sessions are 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

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)

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

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

WELLNESS RETREAT

Join Wholistic Lifestyle on an all-inclusive five-day/four-night wellness retreat in beautiful Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera on May 20 - 25. Call 323-0610/325-6173 for more details.

The Agape Seventh-day Adventist Church Music Ministry

Presents Concert 2018

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

Under the Theme: "Victory Belongs to Jesus!"

Featuring: *The Adventist Inspirational*, Allison Rolle, Nadia Rodriguez, Marvin Edgar, Sophia Viola, Adventist Youth Choir, Sons of Our Father and many more.

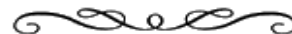
Don't miss it. Plan to be there and be blessed!

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
MAY 5, 2018 AT 7:41 P.M.**

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Have a blessed Sabbath!

