

THE LOGOS



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

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WAIT FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT



We have learnt that there are times when we need to slow down. Even when there are millions of items on our checklist it is important to take time to rest, to rejuvenate, to replenish, to reflect, and to get our balance. Even though this counsel is not to speak about the importance of physical rest, we could apply this concept to that important facet of our lives. Waiting is a principle that every Christian needs to learn. The fact is we are doomed to failure without the Holy Spirit. Leroy Froom in his book *The Coming of the Comforter* suggests that many times we are consumed with the first commission of Jesus "Go ye" to the neglect of the second mandate, "Tarry ye" (p.89).

In your individual walk and even collective walk as a body of believers, times must be given to waiting on the infilling of the Holy Ghost. It is risky business to engage in any task without first receiving the anointing and approval of the Holy Spirit. For one to receive such there must be quality time spent with God surrendering self. Unless we are emptied of envy, malice, pride, selfishness and the host of sinful tendencies that this world gives, we are no more ready to do the work of God than a newborn baby to walk.

"What we need is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Without this we are no more fitted to go forth to the world than were the disciples after the crucifixion of their Lord. Jesus knew their destitution, and told them to tarry in Jerusalem until they should be endowed with power from on high." (EGW Review and Herald, Feb. 18, 1890.) Our preaching, living, singing, and ministering will not be of any real impact to a world in peril until we are first immersed in the fire, oil, and power of the Holy Spirit. Again, Ellen G. white makes

this searching statement, "If divine power does not combine with human effort, I would not give a straw for all that the greatest man could do. The Holy Spirit is wanting in our works (Ibid).

The Lord is not in a hurry, though men may be. Take time to be with Jesus. Wait on Him. Your strength, your influence, your life depends on it. The prophet Isaiah declares that those who wait upon God will get fresh strength. They will be able to spread their wings and soar like eagles (Isaiah 40:30-31). The fact is, God knows more about the work that He has given each of us to do before we were born. He knows every step, every decision you will have to make in your life even before you were born. He is therefore waiting earnestly to daily fill us, equip us, and enable us to take on the task He has set before us. Don't take the next step until you have received the "promise of the Holy Spirit" – the infilling. Tarry, don't choose failure, we are doomed to fail without the Spirit of God's anointing. Remember, God energizes those who get tired. -Pastor Larry Green, Youth Director

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. These biographies are due by April 14, 2018. 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 8 - 14, 2018 is: **Downlink Site.** -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

CHURCH OPENING

The church in Inagua will have its opening on Sunday, April 15, 2018. If you are interested in attending, contact Elder Winston Ash or Ms. Mary Knott at 341-4021. -Pastor Paul Scavella

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 will be sent to all churches by April 14, 2018

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*

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UPDATE ON ZONE 1

Hebrews 13: 16 states, "Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." With this verse in mind and under the theme, "Women Changed and Unashamed", on Saturday, March 24, 2018, the Zone 1 women of the South Bahamas Conference held a community outreach program in the parking lot of the Golden Gates Shopping Centre.

During this time, booklets, devotionals, and health pamphlets were distributed to the public. Additionally, persons were invited to sample healthy vegetarian foods and vegetable juices. Free health checks and massages were also conducted. This initiative catered to the various aspects of our lives, the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. The support from the women of the respective churches along with the response from the public was overwhelming. Lives were touched and God was glorified. To God be the glory, great things He has done. -*Sister Karene Feilding-Calvin, Women's Ministries Leader, Real Harvest Seventh-day Adventist Church*

MEETING FOR CHAM LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS

CHAM leaders and assistant leaders will have their second quarterly meeting at the South Bahamas Office on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Kindly bring all quarterly reports to this meeting. -*Joan Scavella, CHAM Director*

MEETING FOR EDUCATION SECRETARIES AND ASSISTANTS

-Note the change in Date-

All education secretaries of the South Bahamas Conference are asked to meet at the HD Colburn Gymnasium on **Tuesday, April 10, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. We will meet for one hour. Make every effort to be on time. -*Joan Scavella, Education Director*

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Second Quarter (April -June)

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

April 2018

12: WM Council Meeting

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

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*

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 lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com.

8 WEEKS TO WELLNESS FUN RUN WALK

On Monday, April 2, 2018 8 Weeks to Wellness group held it's weekly session in the form of a free fun run/walk. Persons from the wider community were also invited to be a part of this event. From Arawak Cay to Goodman's Bay, a 4.7-mile distance, 160 persons ranging in ages 1 to 75 took to the streets.

On hand to officially open the event with pray was Pastor Leonardo Rahming. Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix followed with welcome and greetings. Elder Eugene Greene of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church graciously led out in warm-up exercises. Elder Shane Barry Saunders of the Johnson Park Seventh-day Adventist Church officially started the race.

At the finish line came a hot scrumptious vegetarian breakfast prepared by the Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) under the capable leadership of Elder Ian Greene, president of ASI Bahamas.

The Health Ministries Department and the Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) of the South Bahamas Conference sponsored this event. We look forward to next year's event. -*Sister Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

The Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church will host *An Afternoon of Prayer* on April 7, 2018 under the theme, "Made Strong through the Power of The Word: Interceding for Our marriages". The session will begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. You are urged to attend along with your loved ones as we seek God's help for our marriages and families in these challenging times. -*Sister Preatta Gibbs, Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church*

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH APRIL 14, 2018 AT 7:31 P.M.

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Have a blessed Sabbath!

