

# THE LOGOS



Connected: Growing in Christ

"Year of The Pastor"

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## HEAL A BROKEN HEART THIS CHRISTMAS



The world is changing. It is growing old, cold, and lifeless! When one considers the rapid escalation of crime and violence in our neighborhoods, it is alarming. Young men are no longer fearful of swearing, fighting or graffitizing the church premises. People like never before are facing crises from all walks of life; financial burdens, marital tornadoes, human and natural disasters, terminal diseases, family breakdowns, the grief of losing a loved one; and the list is by no means exhausted. The fact is, with all these perplexities, hearts are broken and lives are shattered and there is an impelling need for help to mend these desperate cases.

Luke 2:10 records the oration of an angel upon the birth of Jesus, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people" Ours is the joy of sharing this hope, thus healing broken hearts and lives. We are to give light in this dark world and give hope to this hopeless world. The Good News, the *Gospel of Jesus Christ*, is to heal broken hearts. The gospel is an invitation for humanity to accept the Healer, Redeemer, and Saviour. Jesus Himself invites us to come to Him. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (*Matthew 11:28*). The gospel is simply presenting sight to a blind man, life to a dead man or strength to a weak man. In other words the Gospel is presenting the Healer, Jesus, to a sin-sick world.

"[Christmas] is observed to commemorate the birth of Christ, [it is observed] indeed a day of gladness and rejoicing, you will find it a difficult matter to pass over this period without giving it some attention. It can be made to serve a very good purpose" (Adventist Home p. 447). Therefore, consider the hard realities that many are engulfed in. As God's Remnant Church of

Bible prophecy, in these last few seconds of earth's history, ours is the sacred duty to relentlessly and enthusiastically engage in exposing people to the joy of living a life in submission to God. Make it your duty to heal a broken heart this Christmas. -Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director

### STATE OF THE CONFERENCE

State of the Conference under the theme, "Connected: Scatter to Gather", will be held at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 3:45 p.m. Plan now to experience the explosive power of God! A special blessing awaits all! -Administration

### ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

The annual members' meeting will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, January 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Our pastors will convey details to their congregations. -Administration

### WORKERS' MEETING

The South Bahamas Conference will hold its Workers' Meeting at Bahamas Academy, Marshall Road on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. All workers are urged to be in attendance. Retirees are invited. -Administration

### RENOVATIONS AT THE GMCI

The campus of the Global Mission Centre of Influence is under mass renovation. All members are asked to proceed with caution while visiting or worshipping at the campus. The cooperation of all is appreciated. -Administration

### LAY PREACHERS' INSTITUTE

The Personal Ministries Department will launch a Lay Preachers' Institute in 2016. Plan and prepare to be a part of the training. Follow the Logos for details on this exciting move in our conference. Prepare, so you can scatter to gather. -Pastor Lynden Williams, SSPM Director

### BACK TO FAITH<sup>+</sup>

Are you burdened for a soul that needs to come back to faith? Well, get onboard the Back to Faith<sup>+</sup> which will expand in January 2016. Watch The Logos for details. -Administration

### ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for December 20 - 26, 2015 is: **For the Final Defeat of Satan and his Angels**. Let us join the entire union field in prayer. May we be drawn closer to the Anointed One! With Him we can be more than conquerors. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

### EDUCATING TO WIN!

#### -JOINT EDUCATION CONCLAVE-

Note the change of venue for January 23.

The first ever Education Conclave of the South Bahamas Conference under the theme, *Educating to Win* will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 22 and 23, 2016!

All services will be joint. See details below:

- Friday, January 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. - Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Sabbath, January 23, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. - Bahamas Academy, Marshall Road
- Sabbath, January 23, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. - Bahamas Academy, Marshall Road

Get a closer look at our 103-year old academy! Claim your stake in Seventh-day Adventist Christian education and show up for the inspirational messages by Mr. David Daniels, Senior Director of the Bainum Family Foundation based in Maryland, USA. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Education Director

### STEERING COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION CONCLAVE TO MEET

The following members are kindly asked to meet at the South Bahamas Conference Office on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. for a very important meeting:

1. Mrs. Audrey Wright
2. Mr. T. Milton Lewis
3. Pastor Paul Scavella
4. Mrs. Juliette Sands
5. Mrs. Patrice Williams-Gordon
6. Ms. Genae Darville
7. Mrs. Deborah Zonice
8. Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson
9. Pastor Leonardo Rahming
10. Mr. Stephen McBean
11. Mr. Dwayne Daley
12. Ms. Lillian Forbes

Kindly make every effort to be on time. We will meet for one hour. -Office of Education

### COMING IN 2016!

*Cure for the Common Life (CFCL)* provides the platform to experience reality without reproach through a transformational series of personal "intra-views", profound teachings and practical tools for releasing baggage and living unfettered. Nobody's perfect but we can help to perfect each other, through authentic connection and an atmosphere of candor and encouragement. CFCL sessions feature ordinary people sharing life-changing truths on surrender, sex, forgiveness, unbelief, divorce, and the Holy Spirit, among others. Sessions open to men and women. Beginning Wednesday, January 27 - through Sabbath,

February 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more information, contact the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director, Pastor Paul Scavella at 341-4021 or Dr. Stephanie Hutcheson at [cureforcommonlife@gmail.com](mailto:cureforcommonlife@gmail.com) for more information. -Dr. *Stephanie Hutcheson, Psychologist*

### 8 WEEKS TO WELLNESS

The 8 Weeks to Wellness Program begins on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the GMCI (Old Bahamas Academy Gym), Wulff Road. Join us and learn how to prevent and manage hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol, cancer, weight gain, stress and much more. A small donation is required. Contact the South Bahamas Conference at 341-4121 or the Health Director at 323-0610 or [lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com](mailto:lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com). Screening and registration is scheduled for Thursday, February 25 2016 at 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the GMCI. -Mrs. *Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

### HEALTH DIRECTORS, ASSISTANTS AND AHP EXECUTIVE TO HOLD PLANNING MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Health Directors, Assistants and AHP Executives on Monday, December 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the South Bahamas Conference Headquarters. -Mrs. *Nathelyn LaCroix*

### EMOTIONAL WELLNESS SUMMIT

Are you travelling to Orlando, Florida to attend the Emotional Wellness Summit on January 13 - 17, 2016? Contact Nathelyn LaCroix at telephone 323-0610 or email [lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com](mailto:lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com) for information. Register and choose the presentations you would like to attend at: <http://www.emotionalwellnesssummit.com> -Mrs. *Nathelyn LaCroix*

### SBC ANNOUNCEMENT

The conference office will be closed on the following dates:  
Thursday, December 24, 2015  
Monday, December 28, 2015  
Monday, January 4, 2016 -Office of the Secretariat

### HILLVIEW CHAM CHOIR PRESENTS CANTATA

The Hillview Children and Adolescents Choir presents the cantata "The Light Has Come", on Sabbath, December 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Come and be blessed. -Mrs. *Jacqueline Brown, CHAM Choir Director; Hillview SDA Church*

### ADVENTIST BOOK AND NUTRITION CENTRE

The ABC will host a Pre-Christmas storewide sale on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22nd, and 23rd, beginning at 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The ABC will be closed on the following days during the holidays:

December 25 - 28 - Holidays

January 1, 2016 - Holiday

January 4, 2016 - Workers' Meeting

Storewide *Book Sale* will be for the entire month of December. -Mrs. *C. Blackmore, Manager*

### MESSAGE FROM THE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

The life of a woman is often stressful. As a woman, a wife and sometimes a mother the many roles we play demand a carefully skilled juggling act. Our days begin early and end late into the night; and from January straight through December we endure this roller coaster ride.

Once again we approach the season that has been coined the "busiest time of the year." While there are some of us who may join in the festive season with fun, frolic and festivities, it is also a time for us as Christian women of God to focus on "peace". Peace of heart and mind that comes from none other than the "Christ-child."

So as we go about our preparations, today and this month, let us pause and pray for those who have no peace and find some opportunity to introduce them to the "Prince of Peace." The same "Prince of Peace" proclaimed in Isaiah 9:6 which says, "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

On behalf of the Women's Ministries Department of the South Bahamas Conference, I wish to take this opportunity to thank our local leaders here in New Providence and the family of islands, my council members and our GEMS along with their mentors for their willingness to be used by God in ministry and service during the year 2015. I am also grateful to all women in the South Bahamas Conference for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout the year. My hope and prayer for each of you is a peace-filled Christmas season and the blessing of a new year.

Finally ladies, let us continue to fill our pretty purses with items that constantly remind us that God will keep us in perfect peace, if we keep our minds stayed on Him.

Happy Holidays and an even more spirit-filled New Year! -Mrs. *Jacqueline Gibson*

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES FINAL CARE PACKAGE DISTRIBUTION FOR 2015

The last distribution of Care Packages for 2015 will be done on Sabbath, December 19 at the *Willamae Pratt Home for Girls*. As the Bible says, "a little child shall lead them", so will our younger ladies in this instance, as our GEMS will take the lead in this last initiative. In keeping with our "pretty purse" idea, we are attempting to fill or stuff any un-used purse(s) that we have and take them to the girls at the home. Please identify a pretty purse, stuff it with girly items and a spiritual book or tract and give to your local leader for the give-a-way. -Mrs. *Jacqueline Gibson, WM Director*

### PRAYER MINISTRIES UPDATES

The SBC Prayer Ministries will begin the year 2016 with a spirit-filled blast at the **State of the Conference** at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Church on January 2 at 3:45 p.m. The Prayer Ministries has chosen the theme, *Moving Forward in Prayer by the Holy Ghost with Great Expectation*. All prayer warriors and prayer ministries leaders are asked to be in attendance. Please dress in the coloured T-Shirt

to represent the Prayer Ministries during the Parade of Churches. All are invited to participate.

Our 1st monthly scheduled Prayer Session for 2016 will be in the form of an All Night Prayer Meeting to be held at the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. to Sunday, January 3, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. This powerful 9-hours with the Lord in prayer and the preached word will be a spirit filled time of anointed fellowship. A breakfast will follow. A high-powered line-up of preachers will keep you empowered throughout the night. Plan to attend and bring a friend to open the year in spiritual atmosphere.

Remember our weekly Prayer Session at SBC Office every Wednesday at 12 noon. Please feel free to join us there for a time of prayer for the church, the South Bahamas Conference officers and the entire workforce.

Let us continue to prayer for one another, for our Conference and the nation at large.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call Elder David Knowles at 425-1191, or Sister Ali McIntosh at 423-2709. Blessings on you! -*Sister Ali McIntosh, Lay Prayer Administrative Coordinator*

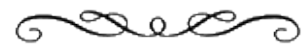
### CONVENTION IN SOUTH ANDROS

Calling all South Androsians and friends, to be a part of the 2016 convention on January 8 - 11. The district is also joining with Pastor Duncombe and the global prayer network and Holy Land experience.

For further details contact the front desk at the conference. -*Pastor Paul Scavella, District Pastor*

### BETHANY'S YEAR-END EVENT

The Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church under the theme, *Celebrating Love, Joy, and Peace* will have their year-end event at the New Providence Community Centre, Blake Road on Sunday, December 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Get your ticket before December 21. For more information, contact Ms. Dawne Forbes at 341 4021. -Ms. *Dawne Forbes, Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church*.



### YOUTH TIDBITS

#### Youth Award Banquet

The Youth Ministries Department announces its Award Banquet under the distinguished patronage of Pastor and Mrs. Paul Scavella at the Melia Resort, Nassau Beach on Sunday, December 20, 2015. Red carpet opens at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and awards at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the conference office.

-*Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director*

### SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH DECEMBER 26, 2015 AT 5:27 P.M.

Website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>  
Have a Blessed and Wonderful Sabbath!

