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BE A WINNER WITH THE ABNC



When one becomes acquainted with the Adventist Book and Nutrition Centre (ABNC) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the

person embarks on a winning track. God has gifted His Church with centres of influence throughout the world to bring healing to our souls through the printed page and the health message. This embodies the mission of the Adventist Book and Nutrition Centre located in the South Bahamas Conference Office building on Tonique Williams-Darling Highway. It is one of the worldwide centres that serves church members and the wider community in New Providence and some of the Family Islands. This organization advocates that everyone should enjoy good health and as admonished in III John 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." In this verse, all aspects of health are promoted, thus we are encouraged to be healthy spiritually, mentally and physically. This is one of the goals that the Adventist Book and Nutrition Centre aims to achieve.

We concur with the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in its mission statement: "The mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel in the context of the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14: 6 - 12. The commission of Jesus Christ compels us to lead others to accept Jesus as their personal Savior and to unite with His church, and nurture them in preparation for His soon return." That is at the heart of the church's mission and is accomplished through preaching, teaching, and healing ministries. The ABNC positions itself as an integral entity in carrying out the mission of God's church.

In doing so, the ABNC provides a large selection of Bible and complementary study guides for each reader. Books that promote a strong prayer life, develop mental health, promote sound mind, character, and personality are available for people in every discipline of work or study. For persons who wish to conform to a meatless or non-dairy diet, books and edible products are available for their mental and physical advancement. Careful

consideration is given to folk who are in the process of transitioning to a full vegetarian diet, thus the ABNC makes provision for these folks by providing menus and catalogues that can guide them in their new lifestyle.

The ABNC has a purpose for mission and evangelism! Therefore, over the years, we have generously donated to various fund raising events including building projects, medical expenses and school tuition expenses. We have donated tracts and other literature to a number of members for the purpose of local and international community outreach programmes.

For the busy persons, the ABNC will be bringing you a full online catalogue in the near future, where you will be able to select the books and vegetarian products of your choice prior to coming to the store. As always, our friendly staff welcomes your visit and would be more willing to assist you!

The ABNC works closely with the Publishing Director of our conference. Scores of persons have benefitted from the publishing ministry by sharing the written messages with persons from all walks of life. This vibrant ministry is available to every member in our church. Bear in mind that book orders are processed through our Inter-American Division Publishing Association located in Miami, Florida.

We thank God for the opportunity to serve in this area of His work, and appreciate the positive impact that He has allowed us to have on our customers and communities over the years. We thank you, and solicit your continued prayers and support.

We are all winners in this great work of preaching, teaching, and healing when it is done according to His will! -Mrs. Cherry Blackmore, Manager; ABNC

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for December 4 - 10, 2016 is: *Ephesus and Blue Hills Churches in The Turks and Caicos Islands Mission*. Join the entire union in prayer. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Coordinator

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The South Bahamas Conference's *State of the Conference* weekend will be held during the visit of the world famous Aeolians, of Oakwood University. The *State of the Conference* will take place at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wednesday,

January 4, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. The first of three workshops will begin after the service.

The Aeolians choir will be featured at two concerts. The first one will be a Gala Concert and Reception at the Balmoral Resort on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The second event will be the Grand Concert at the Myles E. Munroe Diplomat Centre on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The proceeds from these concerts will go toward the new South Bahamas Conference multipurpose building and ongoing efforts for victims of Hurricane Matthew.

The Gala Concert and Reception will be limited to 200 persons. The Grand Concert will accommodate over 1,000 persons. Begin to put funds aside for this once in a lifetime event in our conference. The box offices are:

- The Adventist Book Centre
- Bahamas Academy
- Sunisles Watch & Clock

Adventist businesspersons willing to further support this effort with an ad for the concert booklet may contact us at the conference office for further details. -Pastor Paul Scavella, President

OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI

Each alumnus of Oakwood University is cordially invited to attend a meeting on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the South Bahamas Conference Office, Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, in preparation for the visit of the Aeolians and the Mix and Mingle with University personnel, during the weekend of January 6 - 8, 2017. We look forward to seeing you. -Allison M. Rolle/Audrey Dean-Wright

UCHEE PINES WELLNESS SEMINAR - MARCH 2017

All persons interested in travelling to Uchee Pines in Seale, Alabama on March 26 - 30, 2017 for a Wellness Seminar (at a nominal cost) may contact Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610 or Lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

8 WEEKS TO WELLNESS

The 8 Weeks to Wellness Program begins on Monday, February 6, 2017 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, financial debt, and much more. A small donation is required. Contact the South Bahamas Conference at 341-4121 or the Health Director, Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610. We are looking for volunteers to

assist with this program. All health professionals, registration clerks, parking attendants and all with a passion for wellness are welcomed. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The fourth quarter's out-reach for Women's Ministries will concentrate its effort on the North Andros Community to help send relief to not just our members, but all those who were affected by Hurricane Matthew.

Zone 4 is spearheading this initiative and the churches are: Grant's Town, Redemption, Maranatha, Ebenezer, Philadelphia, Adelaide, Exuma, San Salvador and Inagua.

Please feel free to contact the Women's Ministries local leader in any of these churches if you have items you wish to contribute. -Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

ONE INCREDIBLE MOMENT

Join the Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church today, December 3 at 11:00 a.m. for Part 1 of **One Incredible Moment**, a four-part dramatic musical describing God's plan for the redemption of mankind. Beginning with the promise of salvation (on December 3), our outreach in music, drama, and preaching will present the good news of Jesus Christ and put the importance of the Christmas story into its context as part of the entire redemption plan. The series continues December 10, 17 and 24 at 11:00 a.m. -Ms. Melanie Hutcheson, Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church

THE INSPIRATIONALS IN CONCERT

The Inspirational will be in concert at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with director, Ralph Rolle. The concert is under the distinguished patronage of Pastor and Mrs. Paul Scavella. Hear the soul stirring sermonette by Pastor Hugh Roach. The programme will be moderated by Pastor C. Melvin Lewis. A liberal offering is appreciated. -Pastor Barrington Brennen, Associate Communications Director

ADVENTIST MEN CONCERT

Under the distinguished patronage of Pastor Paul Scavella, The South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Men's Chorale proudly presents, *Go Tell It On The Mountain*, a night of glorious gospel singing. This event will take place at the St. Andrew's Kirk on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Special guest artistes include Sons of Our Father and The Messengers. Free refreshments will follow. Tickets are at a nominal cost and may be obtained from any member of the chorale. -Mr. Reginald Forbes, Director of Men's Chorale

CHRISTMAS IN THE BAHAMAS

Join the Bahamas Academy Early Learning Centre at the H D Colbourn Gymnasium on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for their Christmas Program under the theme, "Christmas in The Bahamas".

For ticket information, kindly contact the Early Learning Centre at 698-0190. -Mr. T. Milton Lewis, Principal; Bahamas Academy

SING A SONG OF CHRISTMAS

The Berea Children's Ministries Department will be having a Christmas Musical under the theme, "Sing A Song Of Christmas" on Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church. This musical celebrates the birth of Christ using familiar carols and presents the Christmas Story in a fun and lively way. So let the joy of the season ring as the children perform. For more information, email at bereastorytime@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.bereasdachurch.com. -Brother Eugene Greene, Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church

MEISTERSINGERS AT CHRISTMAS

What a blessing to connect again! The Meistersingers will minister to our hearts at the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Prepare for an inspirational evening with God, your family, and friends. You cannot afford to miss this blessing! -Mrs. Audrey Dean-Wright, Director

SUNSHINE CHRISTMAS

The Philadelphia and Maranatha District will be presenting 'SUNSHINE CHRISTMAS', a medley of familiar Christmas Carols arranged by Clark Gassman and 'BETHLEHEM'S LIGHT', a Christmas Musical by Marty Parks at 11:00 a.m. on Sabbath, December 24, 2016 at the Maranatha Church. You are invited to attend. -Mrs. Annette L. Dorsett, Philadelphia Church

SoBCRA REACHING OUT

All retirees who are members of the South Bahamas Conference are invited to become members of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Retirees Association. Application forms may be obtained from the receptionist at the conference office. -Dr. John Carey, President; SoBCRA

SUBMITTING ANNOUNCEMENTS

All announcements should be sent to the following email address by 12:00 noon on Tuesday of each week:

logos@sbcadventist.com

The editor reserves the right to edit or reject your announcement. -Editor

PRAYER MINISTRIES UPDATE

The South Bahamas Conference Prayer Ministries joint monthly prayer meeting for December will be held at the New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church located on Soldier Road on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. Bring family and friends for a special time of prayer. The January prayer meeting will be held on January 8, 2017. Location to be announced.

Registration for the Prayer Ministries Retreat will be available at the prayer service on December 4. T-shirts orders will be taken at that time. T-shirts are limited, so place your orders early. Call David Knowles at 435-2291, Ali McIntosh 423-2709, or Elder Keble Dawkins 455-0276 for registration or T-shirt orders. -Sister Ali McIntosh

MEN'S MINISTRIES

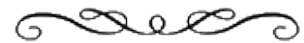
The men of the South Bahamas Conference will hold services at the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, December 3, 2016 starting at 9:15 a.m. You are invited to share in the worship experience. -Pastor Nikita Thompson, Men's Ministries Coordinator

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Sabbath School Department of the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church will be celebrating a service of thanksgiving on Sabbath, December 10, 2016 from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come and be blessed! -Meling Bell, Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church

MONTHLY MEETING BURIAL SOCIETY

The Seventh-day Adventist Burial Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Grant's Town Church Annex on December 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. There were six (6) deaths in 2015 and four (4) deaths in 2016. Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the society are invited to attend. -Elder R. Henry Moncur



YOUTH TIDBITS

Youth Ministries Calendar Dates

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming event from the Youth Ministries Department.

April 11 - 16, 2017: Inter-American Division Pathfinder Camporee, Dominican Republic, Application forms are available at <http://www.southbahamasconference.org/youth.php>. -Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director

CHAM NOTES BIG CHAM SOCIAL!



The Children and Adolescent Ministries Department of the South Bahamas Conference will hold a grand social at the H. D. Colburn Gymnasium on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 7:30 - 11:00 p.m. Entry and food will be free! Refreshments will be provided for all persons from ages 0 - 14. Parents who wish to assist their Cham leader, assistant Cham leader, and lower division leaders are most welcome. See your local Cham leader or call 457-0222 to indicate your willingness to assist. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH DECEMBER 10, 2016 AT 5:21 P.M.

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<http://southbahamasconference.org>

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Have a blessed Sabbath!

