

# THE LOGOS



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"Year of The Pastor"

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## REVERENCE IN HIS TEMPLE



“After this He went down to Capernaum, He, and His mother, and His brethren, and His disciples: and they continued there not many days. And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.”

In this journey, Jesus joined one of the large companies that were making their way to the capital. He had not yet publicly announced His mission, and He mingled unnoticed with the throng. Upon these occasions, the coming of the Messiah, to which such prominence had been given by the ministry of John, was often the theme of conversation. The hope of national greatness was dwelt upon with kindling enthusiasm. Jesus knew that this hope was to be disappointed, for it was founded on a misinterpretation of the Scriptures. With deep earnestness He explained the prophecies, and tried to arouse the people to a closer study of God's word.

The Jewish leaders had instructed the people that at Jerusalem they were to be taught to worship God. Here during the Passover week large numbers assembled, coming from all parts of Palestine, and even from distant lands. The temple courts were filled with a promiscuous throng. Many were unable to bring with them the sacrifices that were to be offered up as typifying the one great Sacrifice. For the convenience of these, animals were bought and sold in the outer court of the temple. Here all classes of people assembled to purchase their offerings. Here all foreign money was exchanged for the coin of the sanctuary.

Every Jew was required to pay yearly a half shekel as "a ransom for his soul;" and the money thus collected was used for the support of the temple. Exodus 30:12-16. Besides this, large sums were brought as freewill offerings, to be deposited in the temple treasury. And it was required that all foreign coin should be changed for a coin called the temple shekel, which was accepted for the service of the sanctuary. The money changing gave opportunity for fraud and extortion, and it had grown into a disgraceful traffic, which was a source of revenue to the priests.

The dealers demanded exorbitant prices for the animals sold, and they shared their profits with

the priests and rulers, who thus enriched themselves at the expense of the people. The worshipers had been taught to believe that if they did not offer sacrifice, the blessing of God would not rest on their children or their lands. Thus a high price for the animals could be secured; for after coming so far, the people would not return to their homes without performing the act of devotion for which they had come.

A great number of sacrifices were offered at the time of the Passover, and the sales at the temple were very large. The consequent confusion indicated a noisy cattle market rather than the sacred temple of God. There could be heard sharp bargaining, the lowing of cattle, the bleating of sheep, the cooing of doves, mingled with the chinking of coin and angry disputation. So great was the confusion that the worshipers were disturbed, and the words addressed to the Most High were drowned in the uproar that invaded the temple. The Jews were exceedingly proud of their piety. They rejoiced over their temple, and regarded a word spoken in its disfavor as blasphemy; they were very rigorous in the performance of ceremonies connected with it; but the love of money had overruled their scruples. They were scarcely aware how far they had wandered from the original purpose of the service instituted by God Himself. -Excerpt: E. G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, pp. 155, 156.

### BAHAMAS ACADEMY PRESENTS "A STAR IS BORN"

The faculty and staff of Bahamas Academy cordially invite you to attend their Christmas programme, "A Star Is Born" at the school's quadrangle on Marshall Road on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Support our children and receive the blessings in store for you. -School Administration

### THE PUBLISHING MINISTRY

The training for all Literature Evangelists will be announced soon.

Today, there will be a conference-wide distribution of the book, The Called...the Chosen: God Has Always Had a People by Ken McFarland. The Publishing Department would like each member to receive a free copy and we encourage the entire conference to read and pass it on to a neighbor.

The Publishing Ministry Department is committed to making this ministry a spiritual and professional career.

Applications for the publishing ministry are available at the South Bahamas Conference or from the Director. -Pastor Kent Price, Publishing Director

### EDUCATING TO WIN!

#### -JOINT EDUCATION CONCLAVE-

Save the date for the first ever Education Conclave of the South Bahamas Conference under the theme, *Educating to Win!* There will be joint services on the following dates: Friday, January 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church Sabbath, January 23, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. Melia Hotel, Cable Beach Sabbath, January 23, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. - Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church 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

### THE ATLANTIC CARIBBEAN UNION CONVENES

#### SECOND QUINQUENNIAL SESSION

Under the theme "Christ Alone," the Second Quinquennial Session of the Atlantic Caribbean Union will be held on Sunday, December 6 and Monday, December 7, 2015, at the Centerville Seventh-day Adventist Church, Nassau, The Bahamas.

The schedule of meetings will be as follows:

#### \*Sunday, December 6, 2015

TIME	EVENT
11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Registration for all delegates
2:45 p.m.	Worship and Praise Service
4:10 p.m.	Business Session
7:30 p.m.	Service of Consecration and Inauguration for the union administrators, departmental directors, and executive committee members.

#### \*Monday, December 7, 2015

TIME	EVENT
8:00 a.m.	Worship and Praise Service
9:15 a.m.	Business Session

All are invited to attend this memorable event in the life of our five-year-old union. -Communication Department, Atlantic Caribbean Union

### GOOD NEWS PERSONAL MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT TO HOST SEMINAR ON DEMONIC POSSESSION

The Personal Ministries Department of the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church will present a seminar entitled "Demonic Possession and the Seventh-day Adventist Church" on Sabbath, December 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Presenters will be Pastors Danhugh Gordon and Edward St. Fleur. Come and be blessed! -Elder Kevin Sterling, Personal Ministries Secretary; Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church

## ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

### -Rejoicing in the Lord-

The prayer focus of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for December 6 - 12, 2015 is: **For Christ's High Priestly Ministry.** -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

### 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. Contact Dr. Stephanie Hutcheson at [cureforcommonlife@gmail.com](mailto:cureforcommonlife@gmail.com) for more information. *Dr. Stephanie Hutcheson, Psychologist*

### PRaise MEMORIAL AT SUNSET

A Praise Memorial at Sunset, celebrating the life of Alfred Addington Alexander Brennen, age 86, will be held at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, December 5, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. There will be a pathfinder march celebrating his legacy as a Pathfinder director. The march will start at 3:30 p.m. at the Southern Recreation Grounds and end at the Grant's Town Church. No other service will be held. -Pastor Barrington Brennen



### ITEMS STILL NEEDED

As a result of Hurricane Joaquin many persons are still without jobs and places of their own. The South Bahamas Conference is asking our members to continue to give to the worthy cause. You may leave your donations of cash or kind at the conference office. -Administration

### MONTHLY JOINT SBC WALK

Join us on December 13, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. for overall rejuvenation. Starting from Goodman's Bay to Sandypoint and back. If you cannot walk the entire route, come and do what you can. Your body will thank you for it! -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

### MONTHLY MEETING OF BURIAL SOCIETY

The Seventh-day Adventist Burial Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Grant's Town Church Annex on December 7, 2015. There were five deaths in 2014 and four in 2015. Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the society are invited to attend. -Elder R. Henry Moncur

## BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

Basic Life Support Certification training will be held at Bahamas Academy on Marshall Road on Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Contact the Health Director at 323-0610 or 325-6173 for additional information. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix

### BEREA'S CHAM DEPARTMENT TO HOST CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The Children and Adolescent Ministries of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting a Christmas Musical under the theme "Shepherds, Sheep & a Saviour" at their church on Bailou Hill Road on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. God chose shepherds to be the first ones to see the Savior! This is their story - what they heard and what they saw that marvelous night when God came to dwell with men. For more information, email us at [berestorytime@gmail.com](mailto:berestorytime@gmail.com). Visit our website at [www.bereasdachurch.com](http://www.bereasdachurch.com). -Elder Eugene Greene, Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church

### EMOTIONAL WELLNESS SUMMIT

All persons interested in travelling to Orlando, Florida to attend an Emotional Wellness Summit on January 13 - 17, 2016, may contact Nathelyn LaCroix at telephone 323-0610 or email [Lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com](mailto:Lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com) for information on registration, living accommodations, air and ground transportation. Check this link to choose the presentations you would like to attend and register <http://www.emotionalwellnesssummit.com>. Confirm your desire to travel with the SBC group by December 6, 2015. -Health Ministries

### NOTE OF THANKS

The Deveaux Family expresses profound thanks to all for their varied expressions of sympathy during the recent passing of our beloved mother, Ruth Mavis Deveaux. We request your continual prayers as we seek to resume the rich legacy began by our mother to the honour and glory of God. -The Deveaux Family

### HILLVIEW YOUTH CHOIR PRESENTS "WE HAVE OUR SAVIOUR"

The Youth Choir of the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church presents, "We Have Our Saviour" on Friday, December 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. This event will take place at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Tonique Williams-Darling Highway. Come and be blessed. -Mrs. Dale McPhee, Youth Choir Director

### 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 Director; Hillview SDA Church

### PRAYER MINISTRIES UPDATES

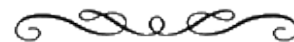
There will be no All Night Prayer Meeting this coming weekend as previously scheduled. However, the monthly Early Morning Prayer Session will be held at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. Bring a

guest and be blessed.

Our 1st monthly scheduled Prayer Session for 2016 will be in the form of an All Night Prayer Meeting to be held on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. to Sunday, January 3, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. The location will be announced later. We apologize for any inconvenience you may experience due to this change.

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 pray 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



### YOUTH TIDBITS

#### Pathfinder Band in Concert

The South Bahamas Conference Pathfinder Band will be in concert at the H.D. Colburn Gymnasium located at the Global Centre of Influence on Wulff Road on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Contact your local youth leader for information on admission.

#### 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. Tickets are available at the conference office.

#### Bible Study

Bible Study will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

#### Volleyball Practice

Volleyball games/practice will be held on the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church grounds on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. See Pastor Green for more information.

#### Volleyball Tournament

Volleyball Tournament is underway at the GMCI. Take the family out tonight (Saturday, December 5, 2015) at 7:00 p.m. -Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director

### SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH DECEMBER 12, 2015 AT 5:21 P.M.

#### Website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>

Have a Blessed and Wonderful Sabbath!

