

# THE LOGOS



## Connected: The Refreshing

## "Lord Transform Me"

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### THE ELDER IN GOD'S SERVICE



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**T**he Seventh-day Adventist Church places high regard on *service* in the context of God's

instruction. On the Mount of Olives, at the

beckon of His disciples, God declared our responsibility to His creation (Matthew 25:35 - 46). With this in mind, the church provides tools/resources for the pastorate and laity alike to be equipped as they take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

This week, the Seventh-day Adventist church gives focus to the elder and his/her role in the local church. Our Chief Shepherd, Jesus, upon launching His earthly ministry deemed it necessary to choose twelve disciples to coach and mentor as leaders. This was pivotal to the mission of *Being Evangelism* as well as to the nurturing of their own souls.

After His departure, the work grew at such a rapid pace that seven deacons had to be appointed to assist the disciples in the work of ministry. Later on in the work, several gifts were identified in the Bible for the purpose of edification of the church and the nurturing of the saints; one of which was the office of elder.

#### ***The elder should represent unity and maturity in the body of Christ.***

Look carefully at Ephesians 4:1 - 13 New International Version (NIV).

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

"When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very One who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the

evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

The elder, as referenced in the Old Testament, is identified as the head of the home. As the role of the elder is traced in the Bible, Paul in I Timothy and Titus gives the role a greater definition.

The passages below offer three qualifications for the elder:

- Moral Values
- Leadership Abilities
- Spirituality

When they had appointed elders for them in the various churches, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the protection of the Lord in whom they had believed (Acts 14:23).

This saying is trustworthy: "If someone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a good work." The overseer then must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, an able teacher, not a drunkard, not violent, but gentle, not contentious, free from the love of money. He must manage his own household well and keep his children in control without losing his dignity. But if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for the church of God? (I Timothy 3:1-5).

How profound and instructive is the Word of God! Today, leadership at all levels demands these three qualities! The elder is not exempt. Therefore, he/she is encouraged to be steadfast in service and prayer, never doubting the power of God to help us realize our potential.

As the ministerial director, I encourage each elder in our conference to be faithful in all that you do. Thank you for the voluntary service that you render on a daily basis. He that began a good work in you is able to complete it. May the preserving grace of God continue to be with you as you serve. -Pastor Paul Scavella, Ministerial Director

#### **ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE**

The prayer focus of our union, The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, February 26 - March 4, 2017 is: **Health**. Lord, bless our members and citizens alike that they will be mindful of the importance to be healthy. Help us to take proactive steps toward this endeavour. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

#### **IMPACT BAHAMAS**

##### **Quadrant 1**

##### ***Encounter Jesus Health and Family Gospel Campaign***

Date: February 11 - March 11, 2017

Evangelist: Leonardo Rahming

Coordinators: Pastors Valentino Campbell and Jamal Franklyn

Churches Involved: Centreville, New Haven, Ephesus, La Senda de La Vida, Agape, Message of Hope, Peardale, Johnson Park, and Ebenezer.

**Location: Marathon Road**

##### **Quadrant 2**

##### ***Extreme Transformation Experience***

Date: February 25 - March 25, 2017

Evangelist: Larry Green

Coordinators: Pastors Kent Price and Nikita Thompson

Churches Involved: New Providence, Living Faith, Maranatha, Philadelphia, Real Harvest, and Redemption.

**Location: East Street**

##### **Quadrant 3**

##### ***Unfolding the Seven Seals***

Date: March 11 - April 9, 2017

Evangelist: Edward St. Fleur

Coordinators: Pastors Lynden Williams and Kenny Deveaux

Churches Involved: Adelaide, Bethany, Berea, Bethel, Breath of Life, Gambier, and Hillview

**Location: Gladstone Road**

##### **Quadrant 4**

##### ***Power of Truth Presents: "There is Hope"***

Date: February 25 - March 25, 2017

Evangelist: T. Basil Sturupp

Coordinators: Pastors Michael Toote and Mark Ewen

Churches Involved: Grant's Town, Good News, New Englerston, and Francophone

**Location: Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church -Personal Ministries Department**

#### **PARL DIRECTORS TO MEET**

All Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) directors of the local churches are asked to meet at the Conference Office on Sunday, February 26, at 11:00 a.m. -Pastor Paul Scavella, PARL Director

#### **STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND IN SOUTH ANDROS**

The Stewardship Director, Elder Anthony Burrows will visit South Andros on March 3 and 4, 2017 to conduct joint workshops at the New Macedonia Seventh-day Adventist Church. Interested friends of South Andros are invited to travel with Elder Burrows. It is guaranteed that all of our churches in South Andros will be blessed by this stewardship emphasis. -Elder Anthony Burrows, Stewardship Director

## ADVENTIST BOOK AND NUTRITION CENTRE

The Adventist Book and Nutrition Centre has the Sabbath School Workshop Books, Bibles, Hymnals, Bible Cases, and the 2017 Devotionals available. -Mrs. Cherry Blackmore, ABNC Manager

## DONATIONS FOR THE MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

Donations for the multi-purpose building may be placed in your tithe envelope. If you have not started making your regular contributions, you may do so on a weekly or monthly basis. Make this a matter of prayer and remember, a little becomes much when placed in the Master's hand. -Administration

## CHAM DOCTRINAL SEMINAR

The second annual doctrinal seminar for children and adolescents will be held at the Bahamas Academy PTA Room at 73 Marshall Road on Sunday, March 12, 2017 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Brother Lorenzo Rolle will be the facilitator. -Mrs. Joan M. Scavella, CHAM Director



### Remaining Topics for the Encounter Jesus Campaign Quadrant 1

1. Six Steps to Prevent Divorce
2. Seven Ways to Enjoy Your Sex Life More
3. Honey Bunny, "Where's the Money?"
4. Eight Steps to Healing, Health, and Happiness
5. Who's the Boss in the House?
6. How to Help My Child Obey the Happy Way
7. Secrets of Effective Discipline: Finding the Master Key
8. Two Mothers, One Baby: The Big Court Story
9. Four Ways to Speak with Tongues Successfully
10. Ten Things Every Man Ought to Know About a Woman
11. Ten Things Every Woman Ought to Know About a Man
12. "Hug Me, Kiss Me! I'm Sweet Sixteen."
13. Happy Family Forever
14. How to Stay in Love Forever

You are invited to support this life-changing campaign. -Coordinators

## ADVENTIST MEN TO TRAVEL TO CAMP KULAQUA

All men interested in travelling to Camp Kulaqua on March 10 - 12, 2017 are kindly asked to contact Pastor Nikita Thompson or Elder Patrick Wilson as soon as possible. -Pastor Nikita Thompson, Men's Ministries Coordinator

## FAMILY LIFE UPDATES

\*Watch the Logos for information on *Fun Day for Singles* in May 2017.

\*Stay tuned for *Winning Your Marriage* Conference in November 2017 at the Melia Resort. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator, Family Ministries Director, & Personal Ministries Director

## THANK YOU

On behalf of the organizing committee of the Annual S.D.A. Law Enforcement and Public Officers' Church Service, I express sincere thank you to the pastor and members of the Hillview Church for hosting our 2017 service; we especially thank the sanctuary choir and musicians, Kristen Saunders, and the Advent Voices for inspiring us with their lovely singing; thanks to a wonderful team of deaconesses who were most cordial in their greetings and performed very professionally; thanks to all the members who assisted directly or indirectly to the success of this event. To the serving and retired officers who attended and or participated in the programme, thank you. The committee looks forward to your participation in 2018. -Elder Teddy McDonald, Coordinator

## ADVENTIST LAYMEN'S SERVICES & INDUSTRIES (ASI)

The following persons were elected to serve in the following positions for 2017:

President: Ian Greene  
Vice President for Evangelism: Dave Williams  
Vice President for Communications: Tony Adderley  
Vice President for Logistics: Ray Jennings  
Vice President for Recruitment: Louis Cleare  
Treasurers: Milton Lewis, Victoria Forbes, Donnie Rolle  
Secretaries: Shandera Smith, Nadia Rodriguez-Bueno (to be confirmed)  
Trustees: Tanya Hanna, Audley Mitchell, Louis Sama Louis (rep. Haitian church)  
Floor members from New Providence will be added in the next two weeks and in the next two months for the Family Islands. -Elder Ian Greene, President; ASI

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 4<sup>th</sup>

International Women's Day of Prayer - "Passionate Prayers and Fearless Faith"  
Have you ever poured your heart out to God, pleading with Him for His direct intervention? Have you whispered the kind of prayer that is so deep and so personal that no one, but God Himself, was meant to hear? The 2017 International Women's Day of Prayer sermon packet is "just for you".

Our author Gina Wahlen writes: "We must first recognize our own helplessness and reach out to God in faith. We must be completely honest with God, not trying to hide anything from Him. And finally, we must be fully surrendered to God, believing that He loves us, is fully trustworthy, and will keep His promises."

## March 24-26

Women's Ministries Weekend; Family Island Style.

Under the theme "The Power of Prayer", the women of Long Island along with Sis. Jacqueline Gibson and a team of women from New Providence will converge at the Millerton Church on Friday evening and the Stevens Church on Sabbath for a dynamic weekend of Prayer, Praise and Spiritual Renewal.

Zone 1 Community Out-reach - Senior Citizens Visit - Long Island Bahamas

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. Jacqueline Gibson, Director

## REHEARSAL FOR ADVENTIST MEN CHORALE

All members of the Adventist Men Chorale are reminded of rehearsal tomorrow, February 26, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church. Those wishing to join may do so at this time. -Mr. Reginald E. Forbes Director, Adventist Men Chorale

## OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI TO MEET

Calling all Oakwood University Alumni! If you missed our first meeting, please don't miss this one. This meeting will be held tomorrow (Sunday, February 26), at the South Bahamas Conference Office at 4:00 p.m. -Mr. Ian Antonio, Alumni Coordinator; Bahamas

## YOUTH TIDBITS

### JOIN SBC MASS YOUTH CHOIR

If you have a passion for singing and you are serious about witnessing for the Lord, then join the South Bahamas Conference Mass Youth Choir! Practice is held every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at the GMCI Building (Old Bahamas Academy grounds), Wulff Road. Persons must be between the ages of 16-36 years. Tenors are especially welcomed. One choir, one voice, one God. -Mrs. Monique McKenzie, Director

**-Youth Ministries Calendar Dates-**  
**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

## SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH MARCH 4, 2017 AT 6:13 P.M.

Conference website:  
<http://southbahamasconference.org>  
Email: [logos@sbcadventist.com](mailto:logos@sbcadventist.com)  
Have a blessed Sabbath!

