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CHRISTIANITY FROM THE EYES OF THE YOUTH



There is a recurring protest from all levels of society regarding the intense apathy directed towards Christianity among the youth of our nation. Veritably, there is an alarming number of youth who have become prodigal in their disposition toward attending and joining the church. Additionally, for those who have maintained their status as members, there are constant grumbles of being repressed and abominated. Hence, the complaint is like a scratched record ‘Today’s young people give little or no attention to the *good old Christian values* that the pioneers of the church have given their life to protect’. The truth is, there is a spiritual pandemic that exists not only among the youths but also across all spectrums of society.

There is however, irrefutable evidence that youth, spanning both biblical and secular history, have been significantly influential in the growth of Christendom. From the obedient Abel to the valiant Hebrew boys (Daniel 3), to young unpretentious and exemplary missionaries such as Timothy (1 Tim 4:12), Catherine Boothe (Salvation Army) Ellen G. White (Seventh-day Adventist), and countless many faithful youth today, Christian ideals have been proclaimed and portrayed in a magnetic way.

For today’s dedicated Christian youth, Christianity does not mean ignoring life’s hard realities, choices, and pitfalls. Rather, it represents a practical, meaningful and fearless position in standing for the standards of Jesus. Many times Christianity is scuffed at because those who profess to be cartels of its message seem to be out of touch with the actualities of the 21st century. A Christian should be able to face today’s hard issues such as lesbianism, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI), loss and grief, bullying, alcohol and drug misuse, abuse in its varied forms, poverty, depression, cyber addiction, teenage pregnancy and so many other concerns that have significant impact on lives everyday.

Christianity is more than just preaching dos and don’ts from the pulpit, or regarding with disdain or scorn the ‘lustful fashion’ that has embarrassed many youths. A true Christian will have a very different perspective on life. He will have an overriding goal to live like Jesus Christ. “He who says he

abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked” (1 John 2:6). A true Christian’s understanding of how to live will be deeply rooted in the example Jesus, who, by the way showed great care to those who were in sin and error, ‘I came for sinners to help them become like me’ (Luke 5:32).

Being a Christian in this age of so many distractions is a challenging privilege. It requires total dependence and dedication to God. Being a Christian carries heavy responsibilities. We are first responsible to God and then to care for and love those whom “God so love...that He gave his life” (John 3:16). The rewards are enormous for all those who choose to serve God and become true followers of Christ - Christians as defined by Jesus. -*Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director*

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CIVIL SERVANTS’ SERVICE

The annual Law Enforcement and Civil Servants’ Service will be held at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church on Prince Charles Drive on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. The entire conference is urged to attend. -*Elder. Teddy McDonald, Coordinator*

CHAM LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS TO MEET

A meeting for all Children and Adolescents Ministries (CHAM) leaders and assistants will be held at the South Bahamas Conference Office on Sunday, February 7, 2016 (tomorrow) at 8:00 a.m. All leaders are encouraged to be in attendance. -*Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director*

CHURCH CLERKS TO MEET -Please Note Change in Venue-

All church clerks are invited to an important meeting at the Atlantic Caribbean Union office located on Gladstone Road on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. All church clerks **need** to be in attendance as we forge ahead with plans to digitize the membership. This will be the first of our training in the online software for the Adventist Church Management System (ACMS). -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Executive Secretary*

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES CONSECRATION SERVICE

Many women feel that they are called or that God has a special calling on their lives, yet they grapple with feelings of failure or insecurities. Are they either unworthy or ill equipped for the call? If you find yourself asking these questions or wondering about your purpose, there are answers for you.

Under the theme: "Holy Spirit Rain Down - Walking into our Purpose by Transforming Power", the Women's Ministries Department of The South Bahamas Conference invites you to

the Women's Ministries Consecration Service at the Centreville Church, 5th Terrace Centreville on Friday, February 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This hour and a half service promises to transform lives as Sis. Dinatorah Rivera, Women's Ministries Director of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists shares how women can walk into their God-given purpose through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. -*Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, WM Director*

COUNTDOWN TO WOMEN’S MINISTRIES CONSECRATION SERVICE -Prayer Schedule-

Sabbath, Feb. 6: 7 am and or 7 pm - (7 more days left) - Local WM Leaders and Assistants: All WM Leaders will be on one accord as they work together for maximum success. Fulfilling all assignments liaising with ladies in the individual churches. Good health and a servant attitude. Pray for Sister Rivera.

Sunday, Feb. 7: 6 am and or 6 pm (6 more days left) - GEMS (Girls Empowered for Ministry and Service -16 -26 years): Pray for GEMS to be on fire for God. Pray for Sister Rivera.

Monday, Feb. 8: 5 am and or 5 pm (5 more days left) - More matured ladies: To be an example and mentor to the youth. Pray for Sister Rivera.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: 4 am and or 4 pm (4 more days left) - Musicians /Technical Assistants/Ushers/ Helpers: To be on one accord working together for the good of all involved. Pray for Sister Rivera.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: 12 Noon (One meal fast 3 more days left) - Infilling of the Holy Spirit: All ladies will experience the anointing of the Holy Spirit and will be empowered for full-time ministry at home, school, and work. Pray Sister Rivera. Pray for the leadership of our country, union, and conference.

Thursday, Feb. 11: 2 am and or 2 pm (One meal fast 2 more days left) - Infilling of the Holy Spirit: Consecrate ourselves and seek the Holy Spirit’s anointing on our lives and that of our families so that entire households will be saved! Pray for Sister Rivera.

Friday, February 12: 1 am and or 1 pm (One meal fast 1 more day left) - Infilling of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Ghost will saturate the Grounds of Centreville. Pray for Sister Rivera. -*Mrs. J. Gibson, WM Director*

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE -Cayman Islands Conference-

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for February 7 - February 13, 2016 is: **The Cayman Brac and Savannah Churches in The Cayman Islands Conference**. Let us join the entire union in prayer. -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator*

ADVENTIST BOOK AND NUTRITION CENTRE

The Adventist Book and Nutrition Centre recently received a shipment of hymnals, bibles, bible cases, children's books, and hymnal sets. The ABC also has devotionals, and additional Sabbath School supplies available. For your convenience, we operate at the following times:

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Mondays to Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. -Mrs. Cherry Blackmore, Manager

AGAPE FEAST

A banquet in honour of Albon Gibson will be held at the Montaque Gardens on February 13, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. A meet and greet will commence at 7:00 p.m. The theme for the banquet is, *Agape Feast: In the Garden of Love*. You are encouraged to get your tickets early. Call 544 4159 for more information. -Elder Torri Knowles, *Burning Flames Ministry*

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS MINISTRIES

Child Preacher's Workshop

The Children and Adolescents Ministries (CHAM) Department will host their Preacher's Workshop in preparation for the grand CHAM Campaign in the Easter. The workshop will be held at the New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday, February 27 at 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Our facilitator/coach will be Pastor Leonardo Rahming, of the Johnson Park and Gambier Seventh-day Adventist Churches and the Sabbath School and ADRA Director of the Atlantic Caribbean Union. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, *CHAM Director*

CHAM CAMPAIGN IN EASTER!

MARCH 27 - APRIL 2

The big Children and Adolescents Ministries (CHAM) campaign of 2016 is on its way! Mark your calendar for the weeklong preaching of the Word by our children, adolescents and coach, Pastor Leonardo Rahming. It will be a time of old-fashioned gospel singing and preaching. Watch the Logos for more information. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, *CHAM*

BAHAMAS ACADEMY PTA

The Parent Teacher Association of Bahamas Academy will host a cookout on the grounds of the Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. To place your meal order and to get additional details on the menu, kindly call the school at 676 - 0500.

We solicit the support of our members and the wider public. We also encourage our members to advertise the event at their respective churches and job sites. -Mrs. Victoria Forbes, *PTA President*

MEN MINISTRY DEPARTMENT

The Men's Ministries Department of the South Bahamas Conference will hold a consecration service under the theme, *Men Answering The Call* at the Redemption Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. Our presenter will be Pastor Paul Scavella.

Refreshments will follow the service. Prior to this, at 4:45 to 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 21, a prayer service will be held at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church with emphasis on the spiritual, health, and financial needs of our men. Key presenters at the prayer service will be Pastor Peter Joseph and Dr. Joseph Evans. We anticipate a great outpouring as our men come together for empowerment by the Holy Spirit. -Pastor Nikita Thompson, *Men's Ministries Coordinator*

MEN'S RETREAT

If you are interested in attending the Men's Retreat at Camp Kulaqua in Gainesville, Florida on March 18 - 20, 2016, contact Elder Patrick Wilson at 326-8683 or text him at 423-9348 for details. -Elder Patrick Wilson *Men's Ministries Secretary*

WINNING YOUR MARRIAGE

Winning Your Marriage Club night will be on the Vessel NewG. The vessel sets sail at 6:30 p.m. on February 6, 2016. Come together for a night of love, money and honey! There will be food, fellowship, laughter, prizes and surprises... all in one night. There is a minimal fee for some items. Register online at: winningyourmarriage.com -Pastor Peter Joseph, *Family Life Ministries Department*

ASI WITH NEW PLAN

The Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) will meet at the Hillview Church on February 21, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. with the view of laying plans for the formation of a credit union. Contact Elder Dave Williams at 357 9410 or email him at davewilliams65@hotmail.com -Elder Dave Williams, *Interim President; ASI*

8 WEEKS TO WELLNESS 2016

There will be a coach training at the Berea Church on Monday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. All interested persons are urged to attend. The 8 Weeks to Wellness Program begins on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the GMCI, Wulff Road. 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 lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com. Screening and registration will be on 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.

-Directors' Quarterly Meeting-

The Directors' Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Breath of Life Church on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

-Monthly Joint SBC Run/Walk-

Join us on February 14, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. for overall rejuvenation, starting from Goodman's Bay to Sandport and back. If you cannot walk the entire route, come and do what you can. Your body will thank you for it! We are encouraging participation from all the churches. At the end of the year, the church with the largest participation will be recognized. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, *Director*

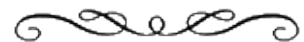
WORKSHOP FOR ELDERS

A Certification and Growth Workshop will be held for all elders at the Johnson Park Seventh-day Adventist church on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. -Pastor Paul Scavella, *Ministerial Department*

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER WARRIORS -SCHEDULE 2016-

DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT
Feb. 7	New Providence	K. Dawkins
March 6	Johnson Park	B. Carey
April 3	Breath of Life	A. McIntosh
May 1	New Englerston	L. Rolle
June 5	Hillview	S. Sylvester
July 3	Good News	V. Wallace
August 7	Maranatha	D. Knowles
Sept. 4	Grant's Town	T. Paul
October 2	Living Faith	K. Scavella
Nov. 6	Real Harvest	A. Ferguson
Dec. 4	Berea	A. McIntosh

All-night prayer meetings will be held the Saturday evening preceding the scheduled 1st Sunday Meeting date. -Sister Ali McIntosh, *Prayer Ministries*



YOUTH TIDBITS

YOUTH DAY AT PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church will be celebrating Youth Day on Sabbath February 13th at the Church in Elizabeth Estates. Pastor E. Danny Clarke will speak on the Theme: Chosen, equipped and ready for Service. All Youth throughout the Conference are invited to attend. -Mrs. Annette L. Dorsett, *Church Clerk*

UPDATES

All AY Departments are asked to commence the study of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John for the Bible Quiz. Updates are forthcoming. Please note the following key dates:

February

- 13 Youth Temperance Emphasis Day (NOT JOINT)
- 13 Reach...Serving Like Jesus
- 14 Adventurer & Pathfinder Directors' Workshop (Hillview at 6:00 a.m.)
- 21 AY Leader's Workshop
- 26 Youth Consecration Service (Hillview)

March

- 6 ACCAPRAISE (Accapella Concert) (Hillview)
- 19 Joint Pathfinder Meeting (Clifford Park)
- 19 Global Youth Day (We Will Rise)
- 20-26 Youth Week of Prayer (NOT JOINT)
- 26 Homecoming Sabbath (NOT JOINT)

-Pastor Larry Green, *Youth Ministries Director*

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH FEBRUARY 13, 2016 AT 6:01 P.M.

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Have a Blessed Sabbath!

