

THE LOGOS



Connected: The Refreshing

"Lord Transform Me"

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THE AEOLIANS IN PARADISE



The sounds of the world-renowned Aeolians echoed the sentiments of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as the conference transitions into

quadrants of evangelistic campaigns on the island of New Providence. Thirty members of the sixty-voice Aeolians of Oakwood University located in Huntsville, Alabama, visited The Bahamas to perform in two major concerts held on January 7 and 8, 2017. The concerts were the first fundraising events by the South Bahamas Conference for a multi-purpose building. This edifice will ably facilitate the promulgation of the gospel through various methods.

Officials of the university traveling with Oakwood's premier touring choir included the director, Dr. Jason Ferdinand; Oakwood University's president, Dr. Leslie Pollard and his wife; the president and vice president of the Alumni Association; and other supporting personnel from the university. The youthful choir did not get weary in doing good as they began a schedule-packed week at the State of the Conference on January 4, 2017, at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church.

According to President Pollard, "This is an opportunity for both the Aeolians and the Conference. The Aeolians, being here in The Bahamas, represents Oakwood University saying thank you to the Bahamian people. Thank you for the years of support, the years of encouragement and thank you for the graduates who have come to Oakwood University and have entered to learn and departed to serve."

"We want more of the Bahamian community," he added, "especially young people who have strong Christian impulses."

The musical ambassadors mingled with students of Bahamas Academy, the Conference's educational institution. The choir performed in the presence of Dame Marguerite Pindling, the Governor General of the Bahamas. They also performed for the President of the University of the Bahamas, Dr. Rodney Smith, and his colleagues.

At the concerts, the choir performed choice pieces from noted African-American composers and arrangers, including: "Alleluia" by Ralph Manuel, "Fix Me Jesus" arranged by Brandon Waddles, "True Religion" arranged by Roland Carter, and "This Little Light of Mine" arranged by Moses Hogan,

The Aeolians began both concerts with a special arrangement of the Black American National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" composed in 1905 by two descendants of The Bahamas, James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) and his brother John Rosmond Johnson (1873-1954). The choir captured the hearts of the listeners with their vocal power, articulation, phrasing and dynamics.

In addition to the two concerts, Dr. Ferdinand also conducted a workshop with several of the resident choirs. The workshop choir along with the Aeolians rendered two selections on Sabbath morning at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Sabbath morning held a delightful surprise for one of the workshop participants, bass singer Louis Cleare Jr. Louis is a vibrant 23-year-old with a big rich, bass voice. After the director of the Aeolians heard him sing, he was offered an invitation to attend Oakwood University and sing with the Aeolians.

"God picks no mango before its time," Pollard referenced. He then extended the invitation to other students who wish to attend Oakwood University. "What God has done for him, he will do for others," he said. "Favor is not skill, it's not education, and it's not pedigree. The favor of God is the thing that gives victory."

This fundraising event was just the beginning effort to enable the Conference to have a wonderful convention center. In his *End of Year Report*, Pastor Paul Scavella stressed the need for all members to assist in this project. He reminded the listeners about the theme: *Total Membership Involvement*.

"The facility will be a lighthouse in this dark place pointing this nation to our gracious God and His unending love," he stated. "It will be a place where the total membership will be equipped for fellowship, evangelism, discipleship, service, and stewardship."

Special thanks to the concert committee led by Audrey Dean-Wright, the Music Director of the South Bahamas Conference. Other committee members included: Patrice Williams-Gordon, Special Events

Coordinator for the Conference; Valderine Heastie, Andria Musgrove, Portia Barnett, and Colyn Major.

At the end of the final concert, the Aeolians gave a colorful rendition of the song, *Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing*. The pianist, Dennis Baptiste Jr. provided unbelievable improvisations. They were just spectacular.

We will never forget the Aeolians. -Ms. Michelle Greene, Media Staff; South Bahamas Conference

PUSH INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of our union, The Atlantic Caribbean Union for the week, January 15 - 21 is: **Lord Transform My Church**. What a wonderful focus as we continue to *Be Evangelism!* -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE -ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING-

The South Bahamas Conference will hold the annual members' meeting at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. All church delegates should be seated by 8:25 a.m. We look forward to doing God's business. -Administration

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK -DAY OF PRAYER-

My fellow colleagues and I are calling the church to a day of prayer and fasting on January 14, 2017. The day fits into the ten days of prayer outlined by the world church. This call is to engage each member to fast and pray for *The Refreshing* in our lives. The early rain is needed in order to experience the latter rain. Will you join your leaders in this act of faith and commitment? -Pastor Paul Scavella, President

UPDATES

*Ten Days of Prayer in the world church now in progress since Wednesday, January 13, 2017.

*Love & Money Honey Boat Cruise in the Nassau Harbour will be on February 4, 2017. More information is forth coming.

*Stay tuned for *Winning Your Marriage* Conference in November 2017 at the Melia Resort.

*Stay tuned for Fun Day for singles in May 2017.

*Evangelism School on January 30 and 31, 2017. More information will be given in next week's edition of The Logos.

*Impact Bahamas Revival Series in all

churches in January 2017. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator, Family Ministries Director, & Personal Ministries Director

ADVENTIST BOOK AND NUTRITION CENTRE

The Adventist Book and Nutrition Centre is pleased to announce that devotionals and journals for 2017 are in stock. Come in and get your copies. Do not delay! -Mrs. Cherry Blackmore, ABNC Manager

ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND CIVIL SERVANTS' SERVICE

The annual law enforcement officers and civil servants' service will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. The venue will be announced later.

All law enforcement and public officers, serving and retired, are asked to save the date. -Teddy McDonald, Coordinator

AHPA PRAYER BREAKFAST

All Adventist Health Professionals, Health Directors/Assistants and those with a passion for health and wellness are invited to attend the annual prayer breakfast under the theme, "Transformed by Renewing Our Minds". This event will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. at the New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church. Join us for this time of spiritual rejuvenation and re-commitment.

TRAINING

Training for Coaches: 8 Weeks To Wellness

All persons interested in becoming coaches for 8 Weeks to Wellness 2017 are invited to attend training sessions at the South Bahamas Conference Headquarters at 5:50 p.m. on the following dates: January 17, 24, and 31.

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.

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

BREATH OF LIFE BLOOD DRIVE

The Breath of Life Church will host a blood drive on January 28, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in its fellowship hall. Give the gift of life; give blood. -Pastor Lynden Williams, Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church

VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS

The Better Living Health Centre will hold a vegetarian cooking class at Balfour and Palm Streets on Sunday, January 15, 2017 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Call 323-5473 for information on space availability and cost. -Dr. Idamae Hanna, Dietician

PRAYER MINISTRIES UPDATE

The 2nd Annual Prayer Ministries Retreat will be held on Thursday, January 26 - 29, 2017. You may register at the South Bahamas Conference Office on Tonique Williams-Darling Highway at your earliest opportunity. To get information on cost, and T-shirt order, please contact Elder David Knowles at 425-1191 or Elder Keble Dawkins at 455-0276. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator and Sister Ali McIntosh

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE FLEA MARKET

Join Bahamas Academy Early Learning Centre on Old Trail Road for their Flea Market on January 23 - 27, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there! -Mr. T. Milton Lewis, Principal; Bahamas Academy of Seventh-day Adventists

ADVENTIST MEN CHORALE REHEARSAL

All members of the Adventist Men Chorale and those wishing to join are asked to meet at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. for the first rehearsal in the New Year. -Brother Reginald E. Forbes, Leader; Adventist Men Chorale

SPECIAL SERVICE AT REDEMPTION

All alumni, parents, and teachers of C. C. Sweeting High School are invited to a special service at the Redemption Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, January 14, 2017. For more details, contact Elder Dave Williams at 357-9410. -Elder Dave Williams, Redemption Seventh-day Adventist Church

EDUCATION SECRETARIES AND ASSISTANTS TO MEET

All Education Secretaries will meet at the South Bahamas Conference office on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. All secretaries and assistants are urged to attend. -Sister Joan Scavella, Director

CHAM LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS TO MEET

The Cham department will have an important meeting at the South Bahamas Conference office on Sunday, January 15, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. We will seal our plans for the Big Social on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Please be prompt! -Sister Joan Scavella, Director



A NIGHT IN NATURE

The Children & Adolescent Ministries will host the first ever **BIG** night of fun for all children ages 0 - 14.

Be the parent/guardian to bring your child/adolescent for an engaging evening on

January 28, 2017
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
H.D. Colburn Gymnasium
Wulff Road

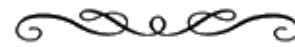
FEATURES:
The Mannequin Challenge
Cup & Straw
Temptation
Obstacle Course
and Many More...

We Will Have **FUN! FUN! FUN!**

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NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

The new telephone number of the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church is 361-8653.



YOUTH TIDBITS

-New Masterguide Class-

The new class for the Masterguide programme will begin at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on February 5, 2017 at 6:00 a.m. Registration forms are available at the conference or can be retrieved from Directors Patrick Wilson, Obed Datus, Benita Exalus and Alexandria Scott. -Brother Patrick Wilson

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

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH JANUARY 21, 2017 AT 5:46 P.M.

Conference website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>

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Have a blessed Sabbath!

