

THE LOGOS



Connected: The Refreshing

"Lord Transform Me"

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WHEN YOUR PRAISE IS GLORIOUS



How often do we hear this biblical quote, "The Lord inhabits the praises of His people"? Well, He created us to praise Him. If you are His people, only glorious praise can emit from you. Our praise, when glorious, provides a motivation to lift up a worn and frazzled soul, transforming it into a refreshing symbol of grace and hope!

What is your interpretation of praise? Could it be singing, speaking, playing an instrument, teaching, cooking, sewing, practicing law or medicine, or preaching? Whatever your interpretation, it is great to praise the Lord in whatever you are called to do.

Among many other things, glorious praise will do the following:

Inspire - Can one hear music or speech without listening to the message it conveys? If one is not careful, one can internalize the lyrics or the beat of the music or message without intention. Whether we are aware or not, the mind is being inspired by all the stimuli around us whether syncopated or not. So, let your praise be glorious!

Transform - As we look at the five components of Lord Transform Me, how can we incorporate our talents/gifts to reflect praise? As we learn more about Christ, we can share by connecting with others and making them disciples who will join the army of proclaimers and reapers for Jesus. What an awesome force we can become if each one reach one for Christ.

Refresh

At different points in our walk with God, He refreshes our worn torn souls by inviting us into His presence, teaching us how to wait on the Him, and causing us to mount up with wings like eagles, to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.

This weekend, we have the Aeolians in The Bahamas. They will express their glorious praise in song and on

instruments. We pray that God will inspire our hearts, transform our lives, and refresh our souls in service through their renditions. -Editor

PUSH INITIATIVE

Our union, The Atlantic Caribbean Union has birthed a new prayer focus for 2017. For the first week, the focus was, **Lord Transform Me**. This week, January 8 - 14, the focus is: **Lord Transform My Family**. What a wonderful focus as we continue to **Be Evangelism!** Our administrators, directors, and pastors encourage our members to be steadfast as we join our union and sister fields in the PUSH Initiative for 2017. Let me request of you to pray for the conference's prayer coordinator, Pastor Peter Joseph as he leads the conference in this ever so important role he serves in. Remember, a praying church is a live, and working church! -Pastor Paul Scavella, President

CONFERENCE ANNUAL WORKSHOPS

The South Bahamas Conference will hold the annual workshops at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, January 8, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. All church officers and assistants should attend. Conference directors and assistants will give valuable information on the department/s you are asked to serve in for 2017. -Conference Administration

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES (CHAM)

We are preparing for the biggest and first evening-social of the Children and Adolescent Ministries Department of the South Bahamas Conference! It will be held at the H. D. Colburn Gymnasium on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 7:30 - 11:00 p.m. Entry and food is free! Refreshments will be provided for all persons from ages 2 - 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. We are asking for your support in supervision also. Please call to indicate your willingness to help! -Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



The Aeolians are here!

We are blessed and pleased to have the Aeolians in The Bahamas, headed by the president of Oakwood University, Dr. Leslie Pollard and his wife and vice president of Oakwood University, Dr. Prudence Pollard.

The Aeolians will be featured at two events: 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 *Gala Concert and Reception* will be limited to 120 persons. The *Grand Concert* will accommodate over 1,000 persons.

We urge you to support one of the concerts with mentor and director, Dr. Jason Max Ferdinand and accompanist, Dr. Dennis Baptiste. Their music will be glorious!

The events will seed funds for the multipurpose building that our church has prayerfully requested of the Lord. We solicit your prayers and financial support as we embark on this great project that will lift up Christ as we serve others. -Pastor Paul Scavella, President

OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI MIX AND MINGLE

There will also be a special **Mix And Mingle** exclusively for alumni and personnel of Oakwood University on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. (tomorrow). We will be grateful for your attendance and support. All Grade 11 and Grade 12 students are invited to this event. Kindly contact Allison Rolle at 803-5716 or Audrey Dean-Wright at 327-0394.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

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

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

FUN/RUN/WALK

Start 2017 off with movement! Join us on January 8, 2017 at 6:00 a.m. for overall rejuvenation. Starting from Goodman's Bay to Sandyport and back. We are encouraging participation from all the churches. At the end of the year, the church with the largest participation will be recognized. Bring along some water and a fruit.

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 being coaches for 8 Weeks to Wellness 2017 are invited to training sessions on the following dates: January 17, 24, and 31 at South Bahamas Conference Headquarters at 5:30 p.m.

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES -Are You Interested in Prison Ministry?-

Are you interested in being a part of our Prison Ministry to the female inmates for 2017? If so, kindly give your name to your local Women's Ministries leader so that we can prepare our visitation schedule. -Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

MEETING FOR RETIREES

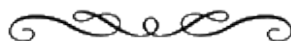
All retired persons in the South Bahamas Conference are invited to a special meeting on Sunday, January 8, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., at the Conference Office. -Dr. John Carey, President; SoBCRA

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

PRAYER MINISTRIES UPDATE

The first joint prayer meeting of the SBC Prayer Ministries for 2017 will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, January 8 at 6:00 a.m. Bring your prayer requests and your testimonies of thanksgiving as we open the New Year.

Remember, 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. -Sister Ali McIntosh



YOUTH TIDBITS

Meeting for Camporee Attendees

There will be a very important meeting at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. for all Pathfinders who will be travelling to the IAD Pathfinder Camporee 2017 in the Dominican Republic.

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

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

BURIAL SOCIETY

The Seventh-day Adventist Burial Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on January 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church Annex. The society reports six deaths in 2015 and five deaths in 2016. Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the society are invited to attend. -Elder R. Henry Moncur

CHILDREN'S BIBLE TRIVIA

-On Samuel-

For 11 - 14 years old

1. What was the name of Samuel's father?
2. Why did Hannah name her son 'Samuel'?
3. Of what material was the ephod made that the child Samuel wore when he ministered before the Lord?
4. What did Samuel do when he was woken during the night by someone calling him?
5. What did Eli tell Samuel to say to God, when God called him?
6. When God spoke to Samuel for the first time, what did He tell him?
7. *Complete this.* God told Samuel that He would do something in Israel at which...
8. As well as a priest and judge, what else did Samuel eventually become?

Call your answers in to 457-0222 at 9:30 a.m. (not before) on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. The first call with the correct answers will receive a token. Calls end at 9:40 a.m. on January 10, 2017.

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH JANUARY 14, 2017 AT 5:40 P.M.

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Have a blessed Sabbath!

