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“Lord Transform Me”

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REFLECTIONS ON A LIFE OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE



The South Bahamas Conference mourns the passing of Pastor Silas Napoleon McKinney, aged 89, an outstanding evangelist and church leader. He passed away at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau, The Bahamas on Saturday, July 16, 2016.

His involvement in church and community work spanned over 40 years. His contribution reflected his zeal as a church leader to work in tandem with the events of the day with a focus on prophetic interpretation, armed with the desire to uplift the social and spiritual status of a people. Pastor Silas McKinney served as the first Bahamian president of the Adventist Church in The Bahamas. In addition, he was the only Bahamian to have served as president of the West Indies Union of Seventh-day Adventists which comprised Jamaica, The Turks and Caicos Islands, The Cayman Islands, and The Bahamas.

As a result of exponential growth, in 2010 the West Indies Union was divided in two fields - **Atlantic** Caribbean Union (The Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, and the Cayman Islands) and **Jamaica** Union. As the president of the West Indies Union he also served as the chairman of the Northern Caribbean University Board in Mandeville, Jamaica. He was instrumental in facilitating the transition of the institution to university status.

Along with his many achievements in life, the Queen of England honored Pastor McKinney on December 31, 1993, with the Order of the British Empire (OBE).

He is survived by his loving wife, Ruth, and their three children: Rosa, Michelle (husband, Peter), and Neil (wife, Marlene); six grandchildren: Selene, Silas Sidney, Newton, Edmund, Silas Neil (NJ), Vincent; and one great granddaughter, Eleanor.

The funeral service will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Peter Joseph,

executive secretary and son-in-law will deliver the homily.

His service in God's cause is recognized even at the General Conference. The following is an excerpt of the letter sent to Mrs. McKinney and family from the president of the General Conference, Elder Ted Wilson:

Pastor McKinney was such a strong believer in and promoter of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy! What a blessing to know that when Christ returns He will remake us into young, vibrant people for eternity. This is what Pastor McKinney preached and believed and this is what we hope for and trust in.

As you well know, the passing of precious ones in the family is traumatic and difficult. What a blessing that in the near future, when Jesus returns, He will sweep away all death and tears. In the intervening time, the Holy Spirit will provide much needed comfort. May Philippians 4:7 encourage you and the family: "And peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

A great warrior of Christ has fallen asleep; let us determine to live according to God's will, so that we will be found faithful when Christ returns. -Administration, South Bahamas Conference

WINNING YOUR HEALTH GOSPEL CAMPAIGN

Health Ministries will host a joint Health Campaign on August 20 - September 3, 2016 at the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church. The speakers will be Pastor Dudley Hosin and Dr. Alpheus Allick. Attend the final joint rally at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church on August 17, 2016 at 7:15 p.m.

Let us prepare ourselves for this in/outreach campaign. God can truly use us for the saving of souls. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

POSITION AVAILABLE AT BAHAMAS ACADEMY

Bahamas Academy is seeking a qualified Combined Science teacher for the 2016 - 2017 school year.

Applicant is required to have at least a Bachelor's degree, a teacher's certificate, and at least five years experience in the classroom.

Application form can be retrieved from the conference website at:

www.southbahamasconference.org

Completed application form may be submitted to the Education Director at the South Bahamas Conference, 135 Tonique Williams Highway by August 10, 2016. -Office of Education

BAHAMAS ACADEMY UPDATES

Bahamas Academy continues to test and register students for the new school year, 2016-2017. Limited seats are available. Register your children early!

Please note the back-to-school dates below:

*Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. - Orientation for parents of the Early Learning Centre.

*Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. - Orientation for parents of the Elementary and Secondary Divisions.

*Friday, September 2, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Orientation for new students of all divisions.

*Monday, September 5, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. school reopens for all students. -Office of Education

HURRICANE PREPARATION

Are you prepared in the event of a hurricane? Are your house in order, insurance updated, and evacuation plans reviewed? Now is the time to perform an inventory. -Your Coaching Servant, Paul Scavella

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE

Visit your ABC and take advantage of the materials that are sure to enhance your ministry and your life! Store hours: Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and on Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. -Mrs. Cherry Blackmore, ABC Manager

ATCU WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women are reminded to pay their registration fee for the ATCU retreat that will be held in the Cayman Islands on September 30 - October 2, 2016 to Mr. Dwight Brown at the conference office. -Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for July 31 - August 6, 2016 is: **Centreville and Parkgate Churches in the South Bahamas Conference**. Join the entire union in prayer. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

SBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Third Quarter (August & September) "WE" (Women Empowerment) - at a glance:

August 2016

EnditNow Emphasis Month
25 EnditNow - Empowerment Forum at the Living Faith Church at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Bring a friend. Hear our guest presenter! Ask your questions!

Domestic Violence occurs across the world and in your community everyday. Statistics in the Caribbean are inadequate, as most women and men

do not report incidents because of shame, fear, and guilt. Yet, the hurt and pain riddles our families, our churches, and our communities. No one should have to suffer in silence. Do what Christ would do and be the voice for the wounded. Join the millions of Seventh-day Adventists across the world by embracing the EndItNow initiative. The South Bahamas Conference Women's Ministries Department is depending on you: men, women, boys, and girls. Let us *EndItNow!*

27 EndItNow Emphasis Day (all local Churches)

September 2016

17 Zone 3 Community Out-Reach at Her Majesty Prison Women Inmates

Cayman Islands Women's Ministries Retreat
-Sister Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

GEMS: PURITY OF BODY

The South Bahamas Women's Ministries GEMS (Girls Empowered for Ministry and Service) presents: "Purity of Body: A Pamper Party". An exciting, educational and refreshing experience for all GEMS ages 16 - 26. This is an event you do not want to miss. Come and bring a friend. Save the Date: Saturday evening, August 6, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the New Providence SDA Church. Refreshments will be served. For further information, please email sbcwmgems@gmail.com. Additionally, GEMS T-shirts and polos are now available. Please contact Dillette Miller at 436-3421 for ordering. -Mrs. Latoya Burrows, GEMS Team

YOUTH VEGAN COOK OFF RESULTS

What happens when you put young aspiring chefs together to participate in the Health Ministries Department's first Vegan Cook-off? Well, you experience lots of excitement, energy, innovation, creativity and a final product of mouthwatering, scrumptious, plant-based dishes. On Sunday, July 24, 2016 four churches: Maranatha, New Englerston, Hillview, and Grant's Town consisting of six teams took up the challenge and entered the cook off. There were 24 participants ranging from ages 10-17. The event was held at the New Bahamas Academy.

The purpose of the Youth Vegan Cook-Off was to promote a healthy vegan diet while encouraging the youth to choose and prepare delicious vegan dishes and to show that vegan dishes can be tasty and healthy.

The young chefs were judged on organization/sanitation, preparation, nutritional value, creativity, taste and presentation.

All of our participants did an awesome job! They were awarded with numerous gifts and a medal. Walking away as first place winner was Hillview, second, Maranatha and third New Englerston.

Special thanks to all of our participants, judges: Patronella Barr, Milton Newbold, Diandra Newman, and Mario Josey; Coordinator, Dr. Monique Mitchell; Sponsors: SBC, Bahamas Academy, Elder Leon Mars, Dr. Joseph Evans and Dr. Monique Mitchell.

By God's grace this event will be held in 2017, so get started on sharpening your culinary skills. Watch the Logos for dates! -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

MONTHLY FUN/RUN WALK

Join us on Sunday, August 14, at 6:00 a.m. for overall rejuvenation. Starting from Goodman's Bay to Sandyport and back. If you cannot walk the entire route, come and do what you can! -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix

PRAYER MEETING FOR HEALTH MINISTRIES

All are invited to attend the monthly prayer meeting at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church on August 7, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix

VBS TEAM GOES TO INAGUA

You are invited to join the Inagua VBS team on August 7 - 14, 2016. For more information call Elder Winston Ash at 424 4498. -Inagua VBS Team

TEACHERS NEEDED AT CAYMAN ACADEMY

Applicant must be a qualified teacher with at least a Bachelor's Degree, with emphasis in the subject area advertised, preferably with five (5) or more years teaching experience in specialized area, willing to participate in extra-curricular activities and the general life of the school.

1. **Technical Vocational Teacher**
2. **Business Teacher (CSEC and CAPE)**
3. **Music Teacher**
4. **Guidance Counselor**

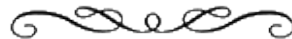
Applicants must have a Master's Degree and 2 years experience in school counseling
Please address official application, curriculum Vitae to: Principal,

Cayman Academy
P.O. Box 515 Walkers Road,
Grand Cayman KY1-1106

Email: school.principal@cayman.academy

You may visit the South Bahamas Conference website for additional information on these openings.

Deadline for receipt of application: July 31, 2016 -Pastor Reinaldo Drackett, Executive Secretary, Cayman Islands Conference



YOUTH TIDBITS

FUNERAL OF PASTOR MCKINNEY

All pathfinders and master guides should report for Pastor McKinney's funeral at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. sharp in full class A uniform.

-Basketball League-

Basketball League continues tonight, Saturday, July 30, at the HD Colburn Gym at 8:15 p.m. -Daran Clarke, Coordinator

-Sports Day 2016- POSTPONED

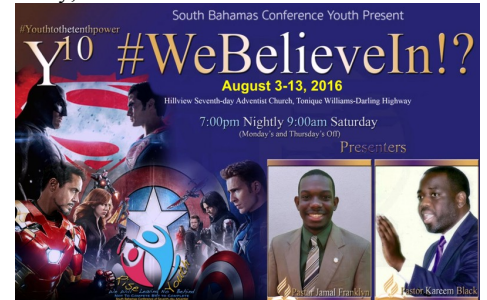
The SBC Family Fun and Sports Day has been postponed. A new date will be announced later. The postponement comes in light of the funeral service for the Late Pastor Silas McKinney.

-Pathfinder Camp-

Camp "Transform Me" will be held August 14-20, 2016 at Camp Bamivoca. Registration forms are available at the Conference Office and from pathfinder directors. Exciting field trips and more are planned. -Bro. Patrick Wilson, Jr.; Coordinator

-Y10-

In 2016, our youth are fascinated with Superheroes to make sense of and, save us from all the confusion in our minds and lives. But really, can "We Believe In" them?



-Pastor Larry Green, Youth Director

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES -Art Exhibition-

The long awaited CHAM Art Exhibition will be held at Bahamas Academy on Marshall Road on September 12 -15 and 18, 2016. Exhibition room will be opened at the following times:

Monday - Thursday: 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The exhibition will be closed on Friday and Saturday, September 16, and 17.

Get your child's application form from your local CHAM leader or assistant leader.

-Guidelines-

All work should be no smaller than 8½" x 11" and no larger than 20" x 30".

Work may be of any shape. It may be a drawing, painting or collage.

No 3-dimensional work will be accepted.

All work should sit on an easel.

Work should be mounted on a hard surface/frame.

Work should reflect the theme, Change me Jesus.

Deadline for submission is September 5, 2016.

Parents are encouraged to have their children enter the art exhibition. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH

AUGUST 6, 2016 AT 7:51 P.M.

Conference website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>

Email: logos@sbcadventist.com

Have a blessed Sabbath!

