

# THE LOGOS



Refreshed and Revived Year of the Child and Adolescent "Lord Transform Me"

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## INDEPENDENCE IN THE BAHAMAS: A TIME OF THANKSGIVING AND REFLECTION



Our country celebrates forty-five years of independence and we give God thanks for keeping and guiding us as a nation!

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Psalm 33:12).

We should not ignore the religious tolerance that we enjoy. This nation has been good to Seventh-day Adventists; providing an atmosphere in which the gospel can flourish. We have experienced our growth from a small group of believers becoming a company to a mission, then conference, and now two conferences. Indeed a growth that is nothing short of God's blessing on our church and nation! Notwithstanding, the fields are ripe and ready for continued harvest.

The South Bahamas Conference, with over fifty churches and approximately 15,000 members must not remain comfortable while there is still much land to possess.

Can we rest on this accomplishment and pat ourselves on the back and lay down the battle? No, of course not, there is much more we can do to hasten His coming. As of 1 January 2018, the population of The Bahamas was estimated to be 402,576 people. This is an increase of 1.45 % (5,762 people) compared to population of 396,814 the year before. This suggests that our church has still yet greater evangelistic exploits. There may be some of us who become weary when a public tent campaign is announced, saying, "Another tent?" Yes! While other evangelistic methods must be explored

and implemented, the public campaign has proven to be an effective soul-winning tool.

It is my view that our celebration of 45 years of independence should point us to a dependence or connection with Jesus Christ. I urge every citizen and Seventh-day

Adventist to join me in realizing this objective.

On this Independence Sabbath, let me encourage each worker and member to be grateful to God for what He has given us.

Some of us were born here, some naturalized, while there are others making valuable contributions to engender peace and prosperity. The negative aspiration of some to deface our nation is paled in comparison to the gallant effort of the mass for positive development and sanctity.

How blessed we are to worship God as our conscience dictates! It is a privilege to enjoy the natural resources that qualify our diversity. Equally important, are our people who are characterized as loving and peaceful. Let us not take these blessings for granted, but deliberately work to improve in areas of need. Invest in this beautiful country given to us!

Last but not least, God must be our priority at every step of our lives; being interdependent, but solely dependent upon our Creator... then others will have to come and inquire, "How are you so blessed?" Then, we will have to declare, "It is because we are refreshed and revived to Jesus!"

Happy birthday Bahamas! -Pastor Paul Scavella, President

### ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

#### 2019 Reaping Campaigns in ATCU

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, July 8 - 14, 2018 is: **Community Support.** -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT BAHAMAS ACADEMY

Qualified persons may apply for the following positions for the 2018 - 2019 school year:

- Physical Education Teacher
- Technical Drawing Teacher
- Primary School Education Teacher
- Early Childhood Education Teacher

#### Minimum Candidate Requirements:

Bachelor's degree and Teacher's Certificate.

Candidates may download the application form from the conference website at southbahamasconference.org and submit the completed application form along with copies of professional degrees and resume to THE

CHAIRMAN, SEARCH COMMITTEE, 135 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, Nassau, Bahamas or mail/email the completed application form, copies of professional degrees, and resume to THE CHAIRMAN, SEARCH COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX N-356, Nassau, Bahamas/logos@sbcadventist.com no later than July 13, 2018.

The committee reserves the right to reject the application of any or all applicants. -Office of Education

### CHAM SPEECH FEST

All roads lead to the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church today at 5:30 p.m.! The Children and Adolescent Ministries Department will hold a Speech Fest. Our children have prepared for this event. You are invited to come in your numbers and affirm them as they speak on the theme, *Refreshed and Revived in Jesus.* The facilitator and judges are ready! -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Director

## ADVENTIST LAYMEN'S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES (ASI) BAHAMAS

The Inter-American Division – Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) Convention 2018 is slated to convene on August 5 - 13, 2018 in Cancun, Mexico. We are taking the largest delegation ever. If you plan to join this venture by faith, you need to reserve your space NOW! We are operating on a first come first served basis.

The ASI executive committee is encouraging all churches to sponsor at least two members of smaller churches or up to five members of larger churches for this event. All sponsorship should be turned in to ASI Bahamas Chapter.

Also, team ASI Bahamas continues its membership drive. Official ASI letters with relevant information and envelopes are now available at your local church. Contact any of the ASI executive leaders below:

Ian Greene: 556-0492, or Shandra Smith: 428-4251. -Elder Ian Greene, ASI President

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### Third Quarter (July -September)

"WE" (Women Empowerment) - at a glance:

### July 2018

GEMS summer textbook drive (ongoing)  
WM Summer Sharing - During the month of July, each zone will do a special act of hospitality to "at home and sick" members, from a sister zone.

### August 2018

EndItNow Focus – Date and Venue to TBA  
29th: "God Covers Me" – Date and Venue TBA

### September 2018

Zone 2 Community outreach – Prison Visit  
GEMS Safety Awareness Program - TBA

## SAVE THE DATE!

Under the theme, "Because I Care", the North Bahamas Conference will be hosting the Atlantic Caribbean Union's Retreat at the Grand Lucayan Resort, in Freeport Grand Bahama, on October 19-21, 2018 with guest speaker, Sharon Platt-McDonald. Kindly see your local leader for further details. **Please also note that the registration deadline has been extended.** Please see Dwight Brown at the South Bahamas Conference office to pay registration fee and note that all hotel and travel reservations are to be done by the registrant. -Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

## AGAPE CHURCH SEEKS MUSICIAN

The Agape Seventh-day Adventist Church is in need of a pianist. Kindly refer your interest to Pastor Carl Johnson at 341-4021. -Sister Kimoye Immanuel, Agape

## CHURCH DATES FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Berea:** July 23-27 ~ Mon. to Thurs. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Grant's Town:** July 2-13 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Hillview:** July 2-14 ~ 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Living Faith:** July 9-21 ~ 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon

**Philadelphia:** July 16-20 ~ 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. -Cham Department

## SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE

Please donate your child's "old" school shoes that are in good condition and has more life and wear in them. Collected shoes will be donated to persons in need for the new school term. Shoes can be dropped at the Berea SDA Church on any Sunday during Pathfinders, Sabbath or Wednesday evening services until the 19 August, 2018. We will also have a drop box at the upcoming Camp Meeting. Please give only what you would like to receive. New Shoes and donations welcomed. Thank you. For more information, contact Dr. Monique Mitchell at 802-3668 or at [mitchellpod@hotmail.com](mailto:mitchellpod@hotmail.com).

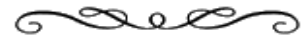
## INDEPENDENCE SERVICE

### AT GRANT'S TOWN CHURCH

The Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church invites you to join them today (July 7, 2018) as they celebrate the 45th Anniversary of Independence of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, under the theme, *Celebrating our Common Heritage*. Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas will be in attendance at the 11:00 a.m. service. Return for an exciting AY program at 5:30 p.m. - Michael McCoy, Head Elder; Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church

## WEEKLY SBC WALK

Let's continue movement! Join us every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month for overall rejuvenation. The route is Goodman's Bay to Sandyport and back. We encourage participation from all churches. At the end of the year, the church with the greatest participation will be recognized. Bring along some water and a fruit. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix



## YOUTH TIDBITS -CAMP REFRESH-

The South Bahamas Conference pathfinders under the theme, *Camp Refresh* will hold a camp on July 15 - 22, 2018 at Bahamas Academy which is located on Marshall Road. Application forms are available at the Conference Headquarters and from your local club director. You do not want to miss this experience! -Brother Patrick Wilson Jr., Pathfinder Director

## -Y10 ReBIRTH-

The South Bahamas Conference-wide youth evangelistic Campaign, Y10 ReBIRTH, will be held at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church on August 11-25, 2018 at 6:30 nightly.

Speakers: Gary Blanchard, youth director of the General Conference; Michael Toote, Jr., SBC youth; and Andre' Campbell, pastor of the Elm Seventh-day Adventist Church in Florida.

All churches are asked to prepare for this evangelistic encounter. -Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director

## SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH JULY 14, 2018 AT 8:01 P.M.

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