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"Lord Transform Me"

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ARE YOU THIRSTY?



Have you at some time or another experienced the heat of a hot summer day; and, with beads of perspiration falling, the only thing that could

relieve your dry parched throat was a cool drink of water? How refreshing, invigorating and rejuvenating! Nothing quenches thirst like water.

Medical science underscores the importance of drinking water. While the human body can survive up to 3 weeks without food, it can't survive more than 3 days without water. After all, water comprises 50-75% of the human body, depending on age and gender, and facilitates digestion, blood flow, body temperature regulation as well as overall cell health. The only debate is how much water does a person really need each day considering factors such as: age, weight, gender, health, activity levels, and weather conditions.

The challenge is we lose between 2-3 liters of water daily through normal bodily functions. We may not be conscious of it, but we lose 300 to 500 milliliters of water just from breathing. The stopgap measure is our bodies are naturally designed to replenish water loss by triggering sensations of thirst. Most people start to feel thirsty at only 2-3% dehydration.

But do you ever experience *spiritual* thirst?

How much living water does a person really need and how often?

Is it really hard to say?

First let's agree on the definition of spiritual thirst. It's the kind of thirst or motivation that compels us to seek an intimate relationship with God and the desire to please Him with voluntary obedience. It's the kind of thirst that leads women and men to cry out as David did... "You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water." (Psalm 63:1)

Sometimes when we read the front-page of the newspaper, listen to the news, or scroll down

our Facebook newsfeed, we get the impression that God has withdrawn His Spirit and the world's thirst for Him is waning. The prophet Jeremiah's description of ancient Israel seems to appropriately describe the modern era: "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water." (Jeremiah 2:13)

Broken cisterns are "all these things" we seek and value more than God. Joseph B. Wirthlin writes, "Too many people spend a lifetime carving out broken cisterns of worldly gain that cannot hold the living water that satisfies fully their natural thirst for everlasting truth...[they] are searching, often intensely, for a source of refreshment that is able to quench their yearning for meaning and direction. They crave a cool, satisfying drink of insight and knowledge that will soothe their parched souls. Their spirits cry out for life-sustaining experiences of peace and calm to nourish and enliven their withering hearts."

Let me remind and assure you: nothing can nor will quench your spiritual thirst other than the living water of God. And it's free and available to everyone! Isn't that great news? Just as He did in the temple during the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus says to us today, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." (John 7:37). Of course, we should never take this generous offer for granted.

Today, in the South Bahamas Conference, local churches in New Providence and the Family Islands are celebrating Women's Ministries and GEMS Emphasis Day under the theme, "Are You Thirsting for Living Water?" The powerful messages many of you will receive will come from Dr. Stele as she guides us through the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles and how it applies to us today as living water for our souls. For it was on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles the Saviour, now returned to Jerusalem, extended this timeless, universal invitation: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink."

How thirsty are you for living water and what levels of spiritual thirst do you encounter in the people you meet or talk with each day? Are you willing to share a cup of living water with your spouse, children, neighbours, coworkers, friends or even strangers?

As we observe this special day, my hope is that we will all join in this prayer of David: "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God." (Psalm 42:1-2) -Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK -CAMP MEETING-

Camp Meeting will be on June 12-18, 2016. Under the theme, *Transformed for His Glory*, the conference will be called to allow the Lord to transform us, as each member focuses on total membership involvement. Churches are asked to wear their church colors. *Transformed for His Glory* embraces the mission of the church - to go into all the world and to reach people where they are.

Check your conference website every day for new and exciting updates. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. C. Wesley Knight, professor of Theology at Oakwood University.

Please take note of the times and venues for camp meeting:

* **Sunday - Thursday, June 12 - 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church.**

* **Friday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church.**

* **Sabbath, June 18 at 9:00 a.m. (Adults and Youth) at the William Thompson Auditorium on Jean Street.**

* **Sabbath, June 18 at 9:00 a.m. (Children and Adolescents) at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church.**

* **Sabbath, June 18 at 5:00 p.m. - members and community friends will march from the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church to the William Thompson Auditorium for a rally that is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.**

Pray for a revival to break forth over the course of these services. -Pastor Paul Scavella

IN SYMPATHY



It is with great sadness that the South Bahamas Conference acknowledges the passing of Charles D. Brooks, one of the foremost Seventh-day Adventist evangelists of the 20th century, who

succumbed to pancreatic cancer on Sunday, May 5, 2016. He was 85.

Brooks, better known as C.D. Brooks, led a 60-year ministry that resulted in more than 15,000 baptisms on six continents and was known for its innovative methods of embracing new media to spread the gospel, including through the Breath of Life television ministry, where Brooks served as founding speaker for 23 years. Our sincere condolences extend to his wife, Walterene and children, Charles Jr. and Diedre. -Conference Administration

PUBLISHING MINISTRY

The Publishing Ministry Department of the South Bahamas Conference is seeking individuals who are interested in becoming (part time or full time) literature evangelists. Application forms are available at the conference office. We would love to have our high school students on board. *-Pastor Nikita Thompson, Publishing Director*

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for June 12 - 18, 2016 is: **South Bahamas Conference Headquarters**. Join the entire union in prayer. *-Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator*

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

-Vacation Bible School-

Most churches have ordered their Vacation Bible School Kit. If your church is experiencing difficulties, please contact the director at 341-4021.

-Mailing List-

Are you receiving emails from the CHAM Director? If not, please help us to correct this by calling 341-4021 so that we can make the adjustment.

-Date for VBS Training-

VBS training will be conducted for all new leaders including those who need to be refreshed. This training will be held at the South Bahamas Conference Office on Monday, June 30, 2016 at 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Please be on time!

-Leadership Certification-

July 3, July 10, and July 17.
Set these dates aside. We need to stay on course with our training and certification. *-Sister Joan Scavella, CHAM Director*

MEN'S MINISTRIES

The Men's Ministries Department of the South Bahamas Conference will hold a retreat in South Andros in July. All men are invited to be a part of this spiritual event. Follow the logos for announcements leading up this event. *-Pastor Nikita Thompson, Men's Ministries Coordinator*

PRAYER MEETING

Our *All Night Prayer Meeting* will be held on July 2, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. to Sunday, July 3, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. A breakfast will follow the prayer session. Venue will be announced later. *-Sister McIntosh, Lay Coordinator*

SBC MONTHLY WALK

Join us on Sunday, June 12 at 6:00 a.m. for overall rejuvenation. The route is Goodman's Bay to Sandypoint and back or part thereof. What better way to start your Father's Day? Let's keep moving! *-Mrs. N. LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

There will be a meeting for all Sabbath School Personnel on June 14 at the Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church on Marshall Road at 6:30 p.m. Updates from the Union Advisory meeting will be given. *-Pastor Lynden Williams, Sabbath School Director*

YOUTH VEGAN COOK OFF

The Health Ministries Department will be sponsoring the first Youth Cook Off on July 24, at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at The New Bahamas Academy Campus. All those between the ages of 10 - 17 who enjoy cooking and eating delicious vegan dishes are invited to participate. If you are interested, form a team of four and come to demonstrate your cooking skills. Trophies, prizes and surprises will be awarded. To register your team, or for more information kindly contact Nathelyn LaCroix at 341-4021 or 323-0610 or email lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com.

A HEALTH AND WELLNESS CRUSADE

A Health and Wellness Seminar/Crusade will be held on August 19 - Sept 3, 2016. Our speaker will be Pastor Dudley Hosin. *-Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

-June at a Glance-

June 11 - Praise Communion - A Women and GEMS only communion service will end the Unpacking the Bible Series. We begin at 6:30 p.m. on Sabbath, June 11 with Praise & Worship and a wonderful celebration of our Lord's sacrifice at the Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Gardner leads out in this service with a special message for women taken from Luke 7:36-50, "See thou this woman." Women's Ministries and GEMS colours are **purple** and **pink** so wear those colours to the service as far as possible. Invite someone to attend an unforgettable celebration of communion and sisterhood. *-Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director*

ATCU WOMEN'S MINISTRIES RETREAT

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

TRAINING FOR WOMEN

All local leaders are reminded of their training, tomorrow morning (June 12) at 10 o'clock sharp at the Conference Office. *-Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson*

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE

The Adventist Book Centre received the following new materials:

- How to Improve Sabbath School
- Keys to Special Needs Ministries
- Evangelism: How to Win and Keep Members and
- Church Manuals (2015).

Come in and take advantage of these materials that are sure to enhance your ministry and improve your department. *-Mrs. Cherry Blackmore, ABC Manager*

ADVENTIST MEN

CHORALE REHEARSAL

All members of the Adventist Men Chorale and those wishing to join are asked to meet at 8.00 a.m. on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church for rehearsal. Immediately thereafter, (at 9.00 a.m.) there will

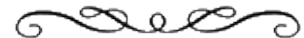
be a meeting chaired by Pastor Nikita Thompson at the same venue for all Adventist Men. The scheduled South Andros Men's Retreat will be discussed. *-Brother Reginald Forbes, Chorale Director*

IN GRATITUDE

Thanks was the motif of the evening of June 4, 2016. Women's Ministries Zone 2 team's Baby Bottle Drive culminated in the presentation of 367 bottles to the Bahamas Godparent Centre. It was change for life. That's all it took - coins, your change to make a difference - in the lives of women and men becoming parents. Your giving will support free counseling, education, training, as well as provide a new direction for these families. The women's ministries directors of the South Bahamas Conference and the Atlantic Caribbean Union, Sisters Jacqueline Gibson and Denise Johnson respectively, endorsed this outreach with their presence, and support. In addition, they counseled the zone members to continue this work in partnership with the BGC. It looks as if a *Baby Bottle Drive 2017* is in our future. Thank you for giving to the Lord. *-Dr. Stephanie Hutcherson, Zone 2 Coordinator*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Ms. Ingeria Miller on the completion of her master's degree and graduation from Columbia University in NY, NY. She was named a Columbia University Fellow and is the recipient of an In-Service Award from the Bahamas government. Ingeria is also a graduate of Cornell University and Bahamas Academy. We pray she continues to "study to show herself approved unto God." *-Pastor and Mrs. Roach*



YOUTH TIDBITS

-Basketball League-

Basketball League is June 18. Youth leaders are asked to contact Daran Clarke for further information.

-Sports Day-

All churches are asked to begin preparation for SBC Family Fun and Sports Day scheduled for Monday August 1, 2014. Further details are forthcoming.

-Save the Date-

The youth department of the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting a "Youth Retreat" on June 24 - 25, 2016. Interested persons should contact the church secretary at 361-8683 or at hillviewseventhday@gmail.com to register and to get additional information. *-Mrs. Tamica Dorsett, Youth Department*

**SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
JUNE 18, 2016 AT 8:01 P.M.**

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<http://southbahamasconference.org>

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Have a Blessed Sabbath!

