

THE LOGOS

Connected: Scatter to Gather

“Lord Transform Me”

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THE IMAGERY OF TRANSFORMATION



The life cycle of a butterfly leaps into mind when the word *transform* is heard. The concept of "caterpillar to butterfly" as a journey, however is very much a complex one that cannot be unpacked in this short discourse. However, accept a few salient thoughts for the purpose of setting the tone for this camp meeting. Picture with me the caterpillar and the butterfly.



The Beginnings

Like the caterpillar, God creates us for His glory, but there is a process that has to take place for the glory to shine through. The caterpillar has no choice in the matter but conforms to God's purpose through the laws of nature. Mankind can either accept God's sovereign power or reject it.

Augustine reminded the early church, "The God Who created us, without us, cannot save us without us." You and I can experience a metamorphosis and be transformed into the likeness of Christ only as we are surrendered to His transforming power.

The Movements

Caterpillars are slow moving critters. The initial movements of the caterpillar are slow and lethargic progressing to stillness, then timidly it flutters and ultimately we enjoy a majestic, soaring, nectar-drawing, pollen-carrying butterfly. In order for us to soar spiritually, we must experience the transforming power of Christ, which lifts us to a spiritual orbit that provides each child of God with the power to do His work. As the church and disciples of Christ we must become desirable. We must be kind, courteous, tender hearted, compassionate, pleasant, giving, caring, and lovable. As crowds

were attracted to Jesus, so must people be attracted to us because of our personalities. Sometimes this takes lots of prayer and effort on our part, while depending on the Holy Spirit. But God can transform us from the inside out!

The Appearance

Caterpillars are unattractive critters, however look at them after the transformation! When our demeanor changes internally, it is expected to manifest externally, becoming bright and colorful for Jesus. The way we dress, carry ourselves, keep our environments; including our homes, our cars, our shoes, and most of all our persons should reflect that Christ resides within us. The difference between attractiveness in Christ and its manifestation outside of Christ is determined by one thing, where the attractiveness originates. When we are attractive because of what Christ does for us as opposed to what we do for ourselves, it will show. It will show because humility will accompany it and it will give glory to God at all times.

The Mission

Finally, our prescribed mission activities will become active. The caterpillar is sluggish and dormant. On the contrary, the butterfly is lively, constantly on the move sharing and exchanging valuable nectar and pollen with trees and flowers. This supports the growth of the environment in which it lives, thus contributing to the support of its life. The butterfly's mission is important to its survival. As Seventh-day Adventist Butterflies our mission is to "Be Evangelism". Always on duty as individuals doing the work of sharing the good news of salvation. Hairdressers, carpenters, sales persons, doctors, lawyers, mechanics will all find ways of letting their being/person share the gospel. It is called BEING EVANGELISM 24/7! Doing evangelism is not the occasional tent or church crusade. Rather, it is the constant motion of every butterfly-member moving from life to life dropping 'holy pollen', or supplying 'spiritual nectar' to its environment on a daily basis. Yes that's BEING EVANGELISM, every member totally involved.

As God's people our mission is to be actively engaged in being light and salt in the darkness of this sour tasting world. We do not have a moment to rest given the attack of the enemy. 'Mission possible' is ahead to be executed by a caring transformed community of believers because the lives of billions are at stake. While the mission remains the same, the persona of the church must change in order to achieve the targeted objectives of sharing the good news. Then we leave the results up to the Holy Spirit.

I call upon all 'caterpillars' today to allow God to transform your life into butterflies for the Kingdom. As Paul reminds us in Romans 12:2 and Philippians 2:5 transformation is of God and it comes when we possess the mind of Christ. Lord Transform Me! -Pastor Paul Scavella, President

SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE WELCOMES DR. CHARLES WESLEY KNIGHT & MRS. STEPHANIE KNIGHT



The South Bahamas Conference is pleased to welcome our keynote speaker, Dr. Charles Wesley Knight and his wife,

Mrs. Stephanie Knight to Camp Meeting 2016. In his own words, "We anticipate the Holy Spirit to come with power as we gather to worship together!"

What better position could we take? Let us avail ourselves in contrition as we wait on God's word.

Dr. Knight is a preacher, teacher, mentor, and an agent of change. He is a pastor with a heart for God and a message of hope for all people.

At the age of sixteen, he began preaching around the globe; taking a Christ-centered message to a world that is desperately in need of a Saviour.

We welcome Dr. & Mrs. Knight to the fair shore of The Bahamas! -Conference Administration

PUBLISHING MINISTRY

The Publishing Ministry Department of the South Bahamas Conference is seeking individuals who are interested in becoming literature evangelists. Application forms are available at the conference office. -Pastor Nikita Thompson, Publishing 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: lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com.

THE SHANEETA JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Shaneeta Johnson, an alumna of Bahamas Academy will launch her scholarship programme at Camp Meeting 2016. The awardee will receive a full scholarship for three years at Bahamas Academy. The student should start Grade 10 in September 2016. For application form and details, please visit the conference and school's websites: www.southbahamasconference.com and www.bahamasacademy.org

We are proud of Dr. Johnson and her heart of philanthropy as she reaches back to give to her alma mater.

Dr. Johnson is the daughter of Mr. Lionel & Mrs. Lianne Johnson of the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church. She serves as surgeon and professor in Atlanta, Georgia. Her specialty is Advanced Laparoscopic and Bariatric Surgery. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Office of Education

OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Oakwood University is pleased to offer scholarships to students of Bahamas Academy in the sum of \$300,000.00. With \$240,000.00 already awarded, the balance of \$60,000.00 will be given to qualified students who apply before August 2016.

The recipients of scholarships are:

Phylcia Armbrister, Nadira Bowlin, Rickeem Butler, Malik Cleare, Genae Darville, Shanae Davis, Janique Ellis, Jemmia Ferguson, Samara Gay, Wendesha King, Wenzel King, Leante Lloyd, Dwjuan Miller, Lotalenia Moss, La'Rae Neely, Destanee Scavella, T'Chae Smith, Otanique Tarpley, Christine McKenzie, and Mikal Gibbs.

These students are asked to collect their scholarship packages and medals from Bahamas Academy as soon as possible. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Office of Education

PLEDGE-A-THON REPORT

Thank you for responding to our first *Pledge-A-Thon* for the Adventist Media. We have received approximately \$3,500.00 in pledges for our station. Although we did not reach our goal of \$100,000.00, we are encouraged by the many testimonies and responses. May you continue to give weekly, monthly, or occasionally to the station. The funds are much needed for major upgrading of equipment. -Pastor Barrington, Associate Communication Director

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for June 19 - 25, 2016 is: *Bahamas Academy*. Join the entire union in prayer. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

ATCU WOMEN'S MINISTRIES 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

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.

-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 at the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church 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. The Good News Church is located in Flamingo Gardens which is in the Carmichael Road area. -Sister McIntosh, Lay Coordinator

SBC RETIREES' QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the South Bahamas Conference Retirees' Association will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., at the Conference Office. All members of the Association are requested to attend. -Pastor John Carey, President

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

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE

Sabbath School supplies for 3rd Quarter are available. All churches with past due balances are asked to bring their accounts up to date.

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. Store is open: Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and on Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. -Mrs. Cherry Blackmore, ABC Manager

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Are you expecting a miracle?

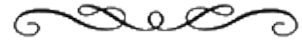
Are you feeling down trodden?

Are you questioning God?

Do you need a balm in Nassau?

You will find the answers by just having a little talk with Jesus!

The Prayer Ministry of The Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church invites you to join us for a day of prayer and fasting on Sabbath, July 2, 2016. Come and be inspired, blessed and motivated. Bring your prayer requests and come expecting a miracle. -Sister Donna Moss, Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church Prayer Ministry



YOUTH TIDBITS

June:

-Basketball League-

Basketball League begins today, Saturday, June 18, at the HD Colburn Gym at 8:15 p.m. Contact Daran Clarke for further information.

-Youth Retreat-

The youth department of the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting a "Youth Retreat" on June 24 - 25, 2016. Interested persons/churches 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

July:

-Youth Month-

Local churches are asked to consider the following:

1. To have at least one youth participating on the platform each Sabbath.
2. Choose youth to shadow department directors.
3. Select a youth pastor to shadow and be mentored by the church pastor.

August:

-Sports Day-

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

-Pathfinder Camp-

Camp "Transform Me" will be held August 7-14, 2016. Registration forms will be available on Monday, June 20 at the Conference Office and from pathfinder directors.

-Y10-

The Y10 Gospel Experience under the theme "We Believe" begins August 17 - 27, 2016. Prepare your youth, friends and visitors.

**SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
JUNE 25, 2016 AT 8:03 P.M.**

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Have a blessed Sabbath!

