

THE LOGOS



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

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BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING



“A blessing, according to Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, is “the act or words of one that blesses,” or “a thing conducive to happiness or welfare.”

Usually when we see or hear the word blessing, it is commonly viewed as something that is received; full stop. To Christians however, when we think of blessings, our first inclination should be one of gratefulness and then the question should be asked, “With whom may I share this?”

Physical and spiritual blessings are gifts from God. He has blessed us with life, our families, with health, and some prosperity, just to name a few. In His graciousness, our blessings are so many in number that it would be impossible to count them all. This then leaves us to wonder, with all the blessings received, should there still be “lack” in our world and in the Church?

Today, women all across the world are observing Women's Ministries Emphasis Day under the theme, “Blessed to be a blessing” and here in the South Bahamas Conference we are not only standing in solidarity with our sisters, but we are also embracing our GEMS on this special day.

Our very special message today comes to us from our Women's Ministries Director from the Inter -American Division, Sister Dinorah Rivera.

Sister Rivera writes:

We are reminded that Abraham is blessed by the LORD in order to be a blessing to others: “... I will bless you ... and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you ... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (Genesis 12:2, 3). What a legacy of blessing in Abraham! The same blessings pointed out for the Shunammite woman are seen for Abraham.

Abraham shows a legacy of *service and hospitality* to his three visitors. He shows a legacy of *contentment* with what is left of the land not chosen by Lot. He shows a legacy of *peace and trust* by his willingness to rescue his wayward nephew and to work with his political allies. He shows a legacy of *perseverance* in his intercession for the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

In turn, Abraham is blessed beyond measure with the promised son, Isaac, and countless descendants, even though he is certain he is too old. He is blessed with a much greater boundary of Promised Land, even though it seems he forfeited most of it when he gives Lot first choice. He is blessed by political allies who gift him with wealth, even though he deceives some of them. He

is blessed by the saving work of his future descendant, Jesus, who will redeem the faithful heirs of the promise, even though Abraham works against God's plan for providing the heir.

We may not be a shining example of the blessing-to-bless legacy as demonstrated by the Shunammite woman, but Abraham's story gives us hope. The blessing is not about us; it is about God's greatness and His mercy.

Sister Dinorah admonishes us that right where we are, God chooses us, redeems us, blesses us, and changes us into new creatures in Him. He gives us a new name: daughter of God! Then He equips us - we, who have been so unspeakably blessed - to become a blessing to others. Amazing, incomprehensible grace!

My prayer and that of Sister Dinorah, is that God will bless us, so that we may be a blessing to others and that He anoints each of us as a chosen vessel to share His love, truth and *blessings* with everyone around us! -Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

CAMP MEETING

-Refreshed and Revived-

Camp meeting will be convened at Bahamas Academy located on Marshall Road with Pastor Mark Finley and his wife, Ernestine.

Kindly note the service times below:



Mark Finley
Speaker for Worship Hour
Sunday to Friday 7:45 to 9 p.m.
And 11:00 a.m. Sabbath

Ernestine Finley
Plenary Speaker on Nutrition
Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Group Seminar Speaker on Nutrition
Monday to Thursday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Theme song: Revive Us Again



Featured Musician
Mrs. Allison M. Rolle

ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

2019 Reaping Campaigns in ATCU

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, June 10 - 16, 2018 is: *Preaching Sites in North Caicos.* - Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

CHAM - AT A GLANCE-

Ongoing: Talking Backpack in the various churches

June 24 -30: Camp Meeting (Sabbath:

Talking Backpack Emphasis)

July: Vacation Bible Xperience

July 7: CHAM Speech Fest

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT BAHAMAS ACADEMY

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

- Bible Teacher
- Technical Drawing Teacher
- Music Teacher
- Art Teacher
- Mathematics Teacher
- Primary School/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 June 30, 2018.

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

CHAM SPEECH FEST

-Change of Date-

The Children and Adolescent Ministries Department will hold a Speech Fest at the Living Faith Church on **Sabbath, July 7, 2018** at 5:30 p.m. Our children are preparing 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

DR. SHANEETA JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Shaneeta Johnson is pleased to offer a full-tuition scholarship for a student to attend Bahamas Academy for Grades 10 - 12. The scholarship is competitive, academic and need-based. It will cover the three years of senior high school. Students from public or private schools in Grade 9 may apply.

Applications may be collected from, and submitted to, Bahamas Academy of Seventh-day Adventists, 73 Marshall Road, Nassau, N.P., or the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 135 Tonique Williams Highway. Telephone: 341-4021/2 Fax: 341-4088.

Deadline for submitting the application is June 15, 2018.

JOIN THE 100+ VOICE CHOIR FOR CAMP MEETING 2018

Calling all choirs/singers to be a part of a special *100+ Voice Joint Choir* for **Camp Meeting, 2018**. Rehearsal will be held at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church this afternoon (June 9) at 4:30 p.m. Your ministry of music is needed. Kindly make the effort to be on time. -Mrs. Audrey Dean-Wright, Music 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. Any church without the ASI package may contact any of the ASI executive leaders as follows:

Ian Greene: 556-0492, Shandera Smith: 428-

4251, Victoria Forbes: 427-3241, Patricia Cleare: 557-2176, Louis Cleare: 557-0403, Dave Williams: 357-9410, Kevin Sterling: 808-6839, Dwayne (Tony) Adderley: 422-2642, Tanya Hanna: 376-1762, Audley Mitchell: 544-8274 and Jeremy Johnson: 457-0281.

All members are invited to join ASI Bahamas. We share Christ in the marketplace together.

-Elder Ian Greene, ASI President

SoBCRA TO MEET

All members and interested persons are invited to attend a general meeting of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Retirees Association (SoBCRA) which will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Conference Headquarters on Tonique Williams-Darling Highway. *-Mrs. Rowena Smith, President*

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Second Quarter (April -June)

“WE” (Women Empowerment) - at a glance:

June 2018

9: Women's Ministries & GEMS Emphasis Day

9 Hillview, Real Harvest and New Providence GEMS Church Service at the New Providence Church

14 Presentation of blankets, tea time items and Spiritual literature to Oncology Department for cancer patients.

21 Crooked Island - Blankets and prepackaged care items and soup be presented to fifteen (15) sick and at-home in members prepared and distributed by Crooked Island Women's Ministries.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES RETREAT IN GRAND BAHAMA -ATCU-

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 is June 29, 2018.** Please see Mr. 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*

HEALTH MINISTRIES

-Annual Cook Off-

The Health Ministries Department will be sponsoring the third Annual Youth Cook Off at Bahamas Academy, Marshall Road on July 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All those between the ages of 10 - 17 who enjoy cooking and eating delicious vegan dishes are invited to participate. Form a team of four and show off your cooking skills. Trophies, prizes and surprises will be awarded. To register your team, kindly contact Nathelyn LaCroix at 341-4021 or 323-0610 or email lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com. *-Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix*

NEW ENGLERSTON 8 WEEKS TO WELLNESS PROGRAM

Join the upcoming 8 Weeks to Wellness Community Program starting Sunday, July 10 from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. *-Dr. Idamae Hanna*

HILLVIEW WELLNESS PROGRAMME

Enthusiastic participants of the 12 Weeks to Wellness Programme gathered at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church for the closing and awards ceremony on May 19, 2018.

Donna Moss, Health Leader and her team did an amazing job in heightening awareness of prevention and reversal of chronic ailments. Members of the Hillview Church are now more empowered to live an abundant life and influence those in their sphere.

On hand to give remarks and greetings were, Pastor C. Melvin Lewis, conference treasurer and pastor of the Hillview Church; and Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, health director of the conference. *-Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Director*

PRAYER MINISTRIES UPDATE - 2018

July Joint Quarterly All Night Prayer Meeting: New Providence Church on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 9:00 p.m. - Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 6:00 a.m. *-Ms. Ali McIntosh, Prayer Team*

WELLNESS AND REJUVENATION RETREAT

On May 20, twenty-four individuals boarded The Bahamas Fast Ferries in route to Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera for a five-day wellness and rejuvenation retreat. Four persons from the community joined the participants in this event.

Persons came with various challenges such as: cancer, diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol, insomnia obesity, and joint pains. One on one consultations were done with each participant. Daily presentations were given and natural protocols administered to persons experiencing various issues. By the end of the fifth day, positive results were achieved.

Based on the evaluations, all participants had a great time and experienced positive results. The words from one participant, “I am thankful that there are still God's people

who care about others, and not just about money. Thank you so much for wanting to help.” *-Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT MARANATHA ACADEMY

Maranatha Academy, a Seventh-day Adventist institution located on the island of Providenciales in the Turks and Caicos Islands, seeks a suitable candidate to fill the following vacancy for the school year 2018-2019:

Teacher:

Information/Technology/Science/Mathematics
Applicant should possess:

- A Bachelor of Science Degree
- A Teacher's Certificate
- SDA Certification

Applicant should be able to:

- Teach these subjects to students in Forms 1 – 5
- Prepare students for C.S.E.C. external examinations

Application (cover letter and resume) should be addressed to:

*The Education Director, TCI Conference
c/o The Principal*

*Maranatha Academy
287 Millennium Highway*

Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands

Applications should be emailed to contact@maranathaacademy.tc

The application should be submitted no later than June 10, 2018. *-Education Director, Turks and Caicos Islands Mission of Seventh-day Adventists*



YOUTH TIDBITS

-BIBLE CONNECTION FEDERATION-

Playoffs on June 15. Conference Finals on July 6 (Books to study: Matthew, Mark, Desire of Ages chapters 6-15)

-ANNIVERSARY GOSPEL CONCERT-

SBC Mass Youth Choir 10 Year Anniversary Gospel Concert on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the H D Colburn Gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale. For further information call 341-4021.

-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*

-CAMP REFRESH-

The SBC pathfinders under the theme, *Camp Refresh* will hold a camp on July 15 - 22, 2018 in North Andros. 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*

YOUTH CHOIRS IN MINISTRY

Join the New Providence and Real Harvest Youth Choirs in an island style concert at the New Providence Church on June 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be collected to aid in their upcoming retreat. Support them and be blessed! *-Heather Rolle, Youth Choir Director*

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
JUNE 16, 2018 AT 8:00 P.M.

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<http://southbahamasconference.org>

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