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"Lord Transform Me"

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WHOSE TEAM ARE YOU ON?



must all answer.

Does the devil care whether we have faith?

Satan tempts us to act independent of God, to establish our minds as the absolute determiner of truth, rather than relying upon God's Word to guide us to His truth as the foundation of our faith. He tempts us to test God's Word by our minds, rather than testing our minds by God's Word. To doubt God's Word is the means by which Satan hopes to lead us to stray from God. The devil was in the Garden of Eden tempting Adam and Eve to trust their own judgment rather than the Word of God. Israel had the same choice to make at Kadesh-barnea (see Num. 13): Would they rely upon the Word of God and move forward with the conquest of Canaan, or would they rely on the testimony of the 10 unfaithful spies? The cities were walled, they said; there were giants in the land, their weapons were of superb design and plentiful, the passes to their cities were well fortified. Who are we, by contrast, with no armaments, no trained army, no strategists, no power to accomplish the task safely? The people chose to doubt God's Word and place their faith in their own human analysis of the situation. Only Caleb and Joshua urged faith in the Word of God to provide the power necessary to gain the victory.

In addition to the faith chapter, Hebrews also contains the doubt chapter. Hebrews 3 recalls the sin of Kadesh-barnea. Paul admonishes us not to harden our hearts against the Word of God. He pleads, "Do not harden your hearts as you did in the wilderness" (Heb. 3:8). By contrast, Hebrews 11 points to faith in God's Word itself as the foundation of our hope. By faith we understand that the worlds were created by the Word of God. By faith Abraham left

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his native land and was willing to offer his only son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. By faith Israel passed through the Red Sea, and the walls of Jericho were flattened. By faith the mouths of lions were shut.

Faith is not a human creation, nor is it founded upon human creativity, genius, philosophy, or empirical analysis. It is the gift of God (Eph. 2:8) that comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:16; Gal. 3:2, 5). It comes by the power of the Word of God rather than the philosophy of the Greeks or the empiricism of the Jews (1 Cor. 1:17-2:16). Ellen White wrote: "No man can create faith. The Spirit operating upon and enlightening the human mind, creates faith in God. In the Scriptures faith is stated to be the gift of God, powerful unto salvation, enlightening the hearts of those who search for truth as for hidden treasure" (The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, Ellen G. White Comments, vol. 7, p. 940). She wrote about Abraham's faith: "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went' (Heb. 11:8, KJV). Abraham's unquestioning obedience is one of the most striking evidences of faith to be found in all the Bible. To him, faith was 'the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen' (verse 1, KJV). Relying upon the divine promise, without the least outward assurance of its fulfillment, he abandoned home and kindred and native land, and went forth, he knew not whither, to follow where God should lead" (Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 126).

Satan's definition of faith asserts a humanistic foundation, whereas biblical faith is grounded in the power of the Word of God. The two systems are distinct; there is no compromise between them. One is based upon the Word of God, the other is not. Any attempt to synthesize the two is like attempting to play golf and soccer on the same field at the same time. Whose ball will we use, whose rules will determine the game, who will umpire the game? The golfer can invite the soccer player to join him, and vice versa, but there is no compromise between them.

Whose team will we join? Let it be God's!

-E. Edward Zinke, Senior Advisor; *Adventist Review*.

CONFERENCE TO HOST INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

The South Bahamas Conference will host the associate stewardship director of the Inter American Division from March 30 to April 2. Prepare to share in this weekend with us as we seek to be faithful stewards. The theme for this event is, "You have the Authority – God has the Power".

Pastor James Daniel will speak as follows: Wednesday March 30 at Hillview S.D.A. (joint)

Friday April 1 at Centerville S.D.A. (joint) Sabbath April 2 at Centerville (divine service)

Sabbath afternoon April 2 at Hillview (joint) -Mr. Anthony Burrows, Stewardship & Trust Director

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

On the Easter weekend, the production, *Then Came the Morning* by Melanie Hutcheson will be featured on ATV53. You won't want to miss. Make it a *scattering* activity for friends and family. -Pastor Paul Scavella, President

THE CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES CAMPAIGN IS HERE!

All roads lead to the New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church for the next seven (7) days! Come and support our children as they *scatter the gospel and gather for worship*. It will be a spiritual explosion with our children. The services start at 7 o'clock each night from Sunday to Friday, March 27 to April 1. On April 2, the final service will start at 11 o'clock.

-Choir Rehearsal-

Our final choir rehearsal for the campaign will be held today (March 26) at the New Providence Church at 5 o'clock.

-Dress Code for Choir Members-

Girls: Black skirt and coloured top (From Sunday - Friday). White dress on Sabbath.

Boys: Black pants and coloured shirt (From Sunday - Friday) Black pants and white shirt with a necktie or bowtie on Sabbath.

All parents are urged to assist our children in getting to all appointments on time.

The children are eager to serve the Lord. Let us encourage them. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director

SAFETY SABBATH

-Why Your Church Needs Safety Sabbath-

Does your congregation know what to do if an active shooter enters your church?

Do your children know what to do if lost or if someone attempts to abduct them?

Is your church prepared for an emergency evacuation in the event of a fire?

Responding appropriately in an emergency is **vital** to minimizing loss.

Holding annual practice drills is a great way to prepare your church family to respond to emergency situations in the safest way possible.

Get everything you need to hold your own church emergency drill on Safety Sabbath, March 26, 2016 or on any Sabbath during the month of March. -*Pastor C. Melvin Lewis, Risk Manager, South Bahamas Conference*

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

-Cayman Islands Conference-

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for March 27 - April 2, 2016 is: **Solid Rock Ministries and the Bethany Church in The Cayman Islands Conference.** Let us join the entire union in prayer. -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator*

ADVENTIST BOOK

AND NUTRITION CENTRE

Sabbath School Supplies for 2nd Quarter 2016 are now available at the ABC. Treasurers are kindly asked to settle their church accounts on or before pick up! -*Mrs. C. Blackmore, Manager*

PSALM SUNDAY AT BETHANY

The Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church is pleased to introduce Psalm Sunday - a unique celebration of the psalms in music, drama and spoken word. You are invited to experience and share this event on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. as part of the church's 19th anniversary. For more information, email Melanie Hutcheson at PsalmSunday@gmail.com

RETIREMENT SEMINAR

The South Bahamas Conference Retirement Seminar previously scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2016 has been postponed to Sunday, April 17, 2016. The seminar will be held at the Bahamas Academy Boardroom on Marshall Road at 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Workers with invitation letters are asked to take note and make adjustment accordingly. You don't want to miss this informative seminar. -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Executive Secretary*

SINGLE AND GIFTED EXPERIENCE

Here is an update on the annual SINGLE AND GIFTED EXPERIENCE. All singles, including divorcees, widows, and

widowers, but not excluding other singles, will convene at the Super Clubs Breezes on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of worship, fellowship, and seminars. All day Sunday will be fun and games at super Club Breezes. Friday evening event is free. To get the cost of the all-day fun and games, please call the South Bahamas Conference Office at 341-4021. The fun day is 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Singles, let's plan for the EXPERIENCE. -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Family Ministries*

ADVENTIST MEN

The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI) will begin 17-week courses on Sundays only, for all interested persons (regardless of gender). The courses will begin on Sunday, April 17, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The courses are: Carpentry, Electrical Installation and Plumbing. In order for BTVI to offer the Sunday programs, there should be a minimum of 60 persons. Registration deadline is April 3, 2016. For costs and additional information, please contact Elder Patrick Wilson of the Message of Hope Church or Bro Basil Neely at BTVI telephone: 362-2453 (h) or 636-7415 or Alexander Darville at 424-0526. -*Adventist Men Department*

HEALTH DIRECTORS MEETING

The monthly meeting for all health directors and assistants will be held at the South Bahamas Conference Headquarters on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. -*Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

FAMILY ISLAND HEALTH RETREAT

All health professionals and persons who are interested in being a part of a health retreat on June 2 - 5 are asked to contact Sister LaCroix at 323-0610.

BEREA TO HOST WELLNESS SEMINAR

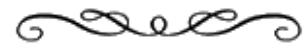
The Health Ministries Department of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting the ***I Want to Be Healthy Wellness Seminar*** on March 30, 2016 to May 18, 2016. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the church. Registration is Free! Come join us and develop a new habit every week. To register call 362-1258 or 341-1607. -*Dr. Monique Mitchel, Health Ministries Director; Berea*

CHAM ART EXHIBITION

The Children and Adolescent Ministries Department will have its Art Exhibition later this year. Details on the exhibition will be posted after the CHAM campaign. Your local Cham leaders will share information soon. -*Mrs. Joan Scavella, Director*

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF LIVE RADIO CHURCH BROADCASTS

WORD SBC 88.3FM will be having the official launch of its LIVE radio church broadcasts on Sabbath April 2nd, 2016, which has been designated Media Emphasis Day. On this day our listeners will be able to tune in to a church service brought to them in real time from the Good News SDA Church with speaker, Pastor T. Basil Sturupp. This is the first of regular broadcasts that will be conducted the 1st Sabbath of each month from our churches. Please see the conference website for the schedule of upcoming church broadcasts. WORD SBC 88.3FM can be accessed with the TUNE IN app on your cellphones/computers and on www.southbahamasconference.com. -*Mrs. Lavern Sturupp, Radio Coordinator*



YOUTH TIDBITS GRANT'S TOWN FUN DAY

You are invited to join the Grant's Town Northern Stars Pathfinder Club on Monday, March 28, 2016 for FUN DAY EXTRAVAGANZA, at the Grant's Town Church parking lot, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Lots of FUN, FOOD and FANTASTIC FELLOWSHIP! Special Features: The Parents Drill, Elders Drill, Pathfinder Fitness Performance, Pathfinder Band Performance, Bouncing Castle, Games and so much more. Dinner Tickets can be purchased from Grant's Town Pathfinder Club members. -*Mr. Obed Datus, GT Pathfinder Director*

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH APRIL 2, 2016 AT 7:26 P.M.

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Have a Blessed Sabbath!

