

THE LOGOS



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

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IN APPRECIATION

The Seventh-day Adventist Church educates and nurtures its members in different ways to become effective witnesses for Christ. No wonder the church has different ministries enabling the members to use their gifts in making the church members more effective. However, have you ever honed in on the ministry of *showing appreciation*? Sometimes, though unintentional, we forget to affirm others for acts of kindness or goodwill in the work of the Lord. Each member should have in his/her strategic plan a goal to deliberately recognize others for their gifts and talents in service to God and His people.

Jesus, after healing the ten lepers made note of the only one who returned to say thanks (Luke 17:11-19). It is obvious that this lesson was not arbitrarily placed in the Bible for our pleasure, but as a lesson to teach us that showing gratitude is important. One may berate the gesture of overtly showering one with gifts or accolades with the moot; *the person's reward is his/her salary or only God should be praised*. Should this be the attitude of the Christian? The Bible is replete with incidents of people recognizing in Jesus the power to heal and above all to give salvation. The prophets of old used many adjectives to laud the Saviour. This must have come about because of the love and respect they had for Him – One without sin. Should the Christian who is striving to be like Him *reciprocate* in our attitude toward mankind the characteristics of the Son of God? The God of love is worthy of the Christian's deepest need to be like Him. Yes, it is simple: love is the more excellent way.

Our church seeks to be like Jesus; to emulate Him as we continue this

journey to heaven. Take another look at the landscape of our workforce, we cannot help but recognize the gallant effort of many of our workers who strive to better the lives of others; bearing fruits of patience, care, and attentiveness to God's prized people. The goal of every worker is to rightly dedicate himself/herself to the task that God has dictated without cant or a bad attitude. While the effort of great soldiers in the work of God should be applauded, the obvious grave nonchalance of others who call the name of God in vain should be spurned.

When one reflects on:

- The dedication of a single mother who takes her child to all activities of the church, hops on the bus to take her child to a Seventh-day Adventist school then heads out on another bus to her workplace, attends the gospel campaign with her child, serves as an usher while her child makes the honour roll.
- The doctor, despite his hectic schedule, finds time to serve his church by faithfully playing his saxophone at the gospel campaign night after night, seeking no remuneration. He finds time to share with the family of God.

As one thinks on these acts of dedicated service, how can one not be grateful for this army of members who have dedicated and committed their lives to the ministry of God?

In appreciation, God rewards the genuine and faithful service of those who toil in the dark, behind the unseen eyes of man to give glory to the One who sees all that we do. He recognizes those who praise Him! He registers the gratitude of those who make their lives a living testimony of His power, grace and mercy. *-Mrs. Joan Scavella, Education Director*

NEW LEADERS APPOINTED

The General Conference appointed two persons in administration at the Inter-American Division office on March 26, 2018. The appointments, to become effective in August 2018, result from the impending retirement of Elder Israel Leito, president. Recommendation for president is the division secretary, Elder Eli Henry and secretary, Dr. Leonard Johnson, president of the Atlantic Caribbean Union.

The administration, pastors, and members of the South Bahamas Conference congratulate our union president, Dr. Johnson on this new appointment. *-Pastor Paul Scavella, President*

CHURCH OPENING

The church in Inagua will have its opening on Sunday, April 15, 2018. If you are interested in attending, contact Elder Winston Ash or Ms. Mary Knott at 341-4021. *-Pastor Paul Scavella*

ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE 2019 LTM Reaping Campaigns in ATCU

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, April 1 - 7, 2018 is: *Uplink Site*. *-Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator*

RETRIEVING BIOGRAPHIES OF LONG-STANDING MEMBERS

The Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department has engaged in the project of collecting biographies of all members in the conference who have reached seventy years old and above and who have served the church for over ten years.

Should you fall in this category, kindly submit your name along with a one-page single spaced typewritten biography. This is if you have not been contacted by one of the designated persons in your church.

All biographies should be accompanied by a photograph. In the event you do not have a satisfactory photograph, we can take one for you. These biographies are due by April 7, 2018. Please deliver the biographies and photographs to the PARL director of your church or to Mrs. Mary Knott at the South Bahamas Conference office. -Paul A. Scavella, PARL Director

BLOOD DRIVE AT LIVING FAITH

The Health Ministries Department of the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church, is hosting a Blood Drive at the church grounds on April 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come out and give the gift of life through a blood donation.

All persons are asked to have a meal before donating and to bring a friend. There will be health screening done as well. -Ms. Cara Ghabrielle Dorsett, Health Ministries Department, Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church

PRAYER MINISTRIES UPDATE

The first South Bahamas Conference Prayer Ministries Quarterly All Night Prayer Meeting for 2018 will be held on March 31, 2018 beginning at 10:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church on 5th Terrace, Centreville. The meeting will be conducted by prayer ministries coordinator and team members from the local churches. Please plan to attend. Bring your testimonies, prayer requests and make plans to spend eight hours in the presence of the Lord. Breakfast will be served at 6:00 a.m. -Prayer Ministries Coordinator

MEETING FOR CHAM LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS

CHAM leaders and assistant leaders will have their second quarterly meeting at the South Bahamas Office on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Kindly bring all quarterly reports to this meeting. -Joan Scavella, CHAM Director

MEETING FOR EDUCATION SECRETARIES AND ASSISTANTS

All education secretaries of the South Bahamas Conference are asked to meet at the HD Colburn Gymnasium on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. We will meet for one hour. Make every effort to be on time. -Joan Scavella, Education Director

FIRST 8 WEEKS TO WELLNESS FUN, RUN, WALK

Join the team at Arawak Cay to Goodman's Bay and back on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 6:30 a.m. Vegetarian breakfast will be on sale. Call 323 0610 for additional information. -Mrs. N. LaCroix

MUSIC WORKSHOP

The Music Ministries Department of the Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church will host a Praise Workshop from Thursday, April 26, 2018 through Sabbath, April 28, 2018 at the church in Elizabeth Estates. Sessions will be led by Mr. Theo Milford, gospel vocalist and worship leader; and Mr. Dermaine Isaacs, pianist. Both presenters are from the Washington D.C. area. Praise and worship teams, choirs, or anyone interested are invited to attend.

Please contact Pastor Terry Tanis at telephone number 636-3078, or Sister Annette Dorsett music coordinator, at telephone number 324-5654 or 423-8252 by April 15, 2018 for further details and if you wish to participate. -Pastor Terry Tanis and Sister Annette Dorsett, Music Coordinator; Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES Donation Request

Used, but in good condition devotionals. Kindly donate to your local Women's Ministries Leader for distribution during our community outreach projects this year. -Mrs. J. Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

A WORD OF CAUTION

At a recent Health Exposition conducted by the Health Professionals

of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, it was discovered that a large

percentage of our members revealed disconcerting readings in their health screening. We are appealing to our members to be vigilant with their health by getting regular check-ups and seeking advice from their doctors. God requires us to be good stewards, even of our health. -Evangelist and Life Coach, Pastor Paul Scavella

THE TALKING BACKPACK

All churches are encouraged to be vigilant stewards in the missionary programme, The Talking Backpack. We are kindly reminding the personal ministries leaders in our churches to work along with the CHAM leaders in following up with the contacts made by our children. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Director

STUDENT APPRECIATION

Congratulations to our teachers at Bahamas Academy for making Student Appreciation Day a memorable one for the students. The Elementary Division had a fun day while the Secondary Division hosted a gala banquet for the students. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Education Director

SeLD CONFERENCE

Elders who are interested in attending the SeLD conference at the Inter-American Division Headquarters on July 9 - 11, 2018 are urged to contact the office of the Ministerial Department of the South Bahamas Conference office for registration details and financial information. -Pastor Paul Scavella, Ministerial Director

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH APRIL 7, 2018 AT 7:28 P.M.

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Have a blessed Sabbath!

