

THE LOGOS



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"Lord Transform Me"

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LORD TRANSFORM ME: BAHAMAS IMPACT



I begin with a passage of scripture from 1 John 3:1-3. It says, "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved now are we children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears we will be like Him, because we will see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies Himself, just as He is pure." As it relates to human identity and privilege, this rings true. Too often we forget the great privilege we have to be called children of God. In a general sense all humanity comprises the children of God. However those of us who have accepted Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior enjoy not just paternity but the closeness and care of our loving Father, who has come close to us. By receiving Him into our hearts we are no longer just naturally born but spiritually born again. It is that transformation from simple natural born people to spiritual born that inspire hope within us to see Him when He comes. Moreover that hope motivates us to be pure and remain pure until Jesus returns. At that time, our destiny, to be like him will be realized.

This reality has been captured by the world church as a rallying point for public witness. Lord Transform Me requires Total Membership Involvement. Therefore, in South Bahamas Conference the personal transformation of every Seventh-day Adventist will be harnessed for public witness. A deliberate effort will be made to be evangelism and not just do evangelism. Hence, evangelism will be more than just events but the totality of life experience. In order to communicate this emphasis the entire membership will be motivated for a learning experience.

On November 20-26, we will engage in LORD TRANSFORM ME: IMPACT BAHAMAS. The SBC territory will be divided into four quadrants. In each area a Lord Transform Me Training and Empowerment Center will be set up. Churches will be grouped in the various quadrants for training and empowerment in the total dynamics of LORD TRANSFORM ME initiative. At each center, workshops and seminars will take place on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. On the Wednesday, November 23, 2016, a thanksgiving and praise service will be held at each center. For this service, friends from the community will be invited as we fellowship and share a light meal together. On the Sabbaths of November 19 and 26

2016, each church in SBC will have an abbreviated service and then proceed to the community it serves to impact the people with Christ-like witness. (Matthew 25). The members will return in the afternoon to share testimonies and faith building experiences. The entire week is designed to prepare the SBC for IMPACT BAHAMAS in the first quarter of 2017. BAHAMAS IMPACT will involve very church and every member in a diversity of evangelistic and witnessing activities. The objective is to see hundreds of people in the Bahamas experience transformation like we have never experienced, and join the ranks of the Seventh-day Adventist church in baptism. This initiative is beyond an event. It is designed to motivate and harness gifts and talents of a transformed person to commit to a life of constant witness and soul winning endeavors. This personal involvement continues until we see Jesus - the Hope that purifies the transformed person. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Lord Transform Me Coordinator

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK ATLANTIC CARIBBEAN UNION -SYMPOSIUM-

On May 25, 2016, the Atlantic Caribbean Union Symposium (joint) will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church. All churches will be involved in this activity and our Lord Transform Me coordinator, Pastor Peter Joseph will give further details on the churches' involvement. Each pastor and his district will present his baptismal goal to the Lord and seek the transforming power of Christ to achieve that goal.

-CAMP MEETING-

Yes, Camp Meeting is almost here again! It will be on June 12-18, 2016. It is going to be exciting, inspiring and encouraging. Under the theme, *Scatter to Gather*, the conference will be called to allow the Lord to transform us, as each member focuses on total membership involvement. Churches are asked to get their church colors, banners, and get involved in this mighty movement of God.

Scatter to Gather embraces the mission of the church to go into all the world, to come out of the four walls and to reach people where they are. Go into all the world, beginning with our family members, backslidden members, then to our neighbors, and our enemies. Scatter the word like leaves of autumn. Jesus is coming soon! Do the work of an evangelist. GO, GO, GO!

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

Workshops and devotional moments will begin each night at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church, followed by a one-hour workshop and then

culminate with the worship service that will conclude by 9 o'clock each night. Supper will be provided between 5:30 - 6:00 o'clock each evening at a nominal cost.

-New Venue-

The venue for Friday, June 17, and Sabbath morning of June 18 will be the William Thompson Auditorium on Jean Street. There will be two services on Sabbath morning. The children will worship at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church while the youth and adults will be at the William Thompson Auditorium. Pray now for a revival to break forth over the course of these services. God's power will be manifested in a marked way upon His church! -Pastor Paul Scavella

NORTHERN CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITY

-Executive Career Opportunity-

The Board of Governors and the Presidential Search Committee of Northern Caribbean University (NCU) invite applications from qualified professionals for the position of President. The President of NCU is the Chief Executive Officer of the institution. The ideal candidate should be a proven, outstanding leader who can articulate a compelling vision for excellence in academia with robust emphasis on the principles of Christian education, and give witness to these non-negotiable commitments in his or her professional and Christian life. Ideally, the candidate should be available for appointment effective July 1, 2016. Additional information on preparing a successful application can be found on the NCU Presidential Search Website: <http://presidentsearch.ncu.edu.jm/> -Northern Caribbean University

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for May 15 - 21, 2016 is: ***The Marsh Harbour and South Abaco Churches in The North Bahamas Conference.*** Join the entire union in prayer. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

SINGLE AND GIFTED EXPERIENCE

All 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. Friday evening event is free. Sunday will be fun and games at super Club Breezes. To get the cost of the all-day fun and games, please call the South Bahamas Conference Office at 341-4021. The fun day starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. Singles, let's plan for the EXPERIENCE. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Family Ministries

RELAX, RENEW, REVIVE, RETREAT!

All health professionals and persons who are interested in being a part of the Adventist Health Professionals Association of SBC retreat on June 2 - 5 in Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera are asked to contact Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director at 323-0610. It is all-inclusive!

MIDNIGHT CRY CONCERT AND BOOK LAUNCH

On Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., Sister Allison M. Rolle will present an evening of *Ministry In Music* at the New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church, Soldier Road. Sharing in this powerful evening of Ministry are the SDA Mass Youth Choir, Anthony Curtis, Nadia Rodriguez, Bridgette Bastian, The New Providence SDA Choir, and more. Pastor Peter Joseph will launch his latest book, *Possibility Praying* at this exciting event! Bring a friend and an offering in support of the Music Ministry. We are believing for an abundant outpouring of blessings upon you! -*Sister A. Rolle*

PARKGATE-EPHESUS MUSIC DAY

You are invited to worship with the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, May 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. They celebrate Music Day under the theme, "What is your Testimony". Come and be blessed! -*Ephesus Music Ministry*

HEALTH DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monthly Health Directors/Assistants' meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the GMCI, Former Bahamas Academy on Wulff Road. Important matters will be discussed as it relates to upcoming events. -*Mrs. LaCroix*

HEALTH MINISTRIES

The Health Ministries Department of SBC will be hosting an emotional wellness presentation/discussion on Friday, May 20 at 7:15 p.m. at Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church. A question and answer panel will complete the evening. For more details, contact Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director at 323-0610 or email: lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com

ADVENTIST BOOK DAY SALE

In celebration of Adventist Book Day, the ABC is having a book sale in May. Purchase a book and give as a gift to a friend, family member, coworker, or someone that you wish to cheer or study with! -*Mrs. Cherry Blackmore, ABC Manager*

LIVE RADIO CHURCH BROADCASTS

WORD SBC 88.3FM will have its LIVE radio church broadcasts on the 1st Sabbath of each month. The next church broadcasts will be at the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church on June 4, 2016.

WORD SBC 88.3FM can be accessed with the TUNE IN app on your cellphones/computers and on www.southbahamasconference.com. -*Mrs. Lavern Sturup, Radio Coordinator*

GOSPEL BOAT CRUISE

Worship and fellowship on the waves! Yes, Brothers Love will host another "gospel hour" on the sea on Saturday, May 21, 2016. Get on board *The Lucayan Lady* at 8:00 p.m. The boat leaves at 8:30 p.m. sharp from the Kelly's Dock, Bay Street (East of East Street). Share in this spiritual retreat with "Brothers Love Gospel Band". Healthy Bahamian Dishes will be available at a nominal cost. For additional information on tickets, you may contact Mr. Randy Forbes at 322-3315 or the other members of Brothers Love. -*Mr. Randy Forbes, Brothers Love*

WORD SBC TO HOST PLEDGE-A-THON

The Media Department of the South Bahamas Conference will hold its first pledge-a-thon on May 23-27 2016. The radio station is seeking to make remarkable inroads in updating their equipment and operation. We will partner with our members and the community in order to realize some of our goals. -*Pastor Paul Scavella, Communication Director*

BEREA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The Women's Ministries Department of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church will host a forum on the Constitutional Reform on Sunday, May 15 at 4:00 p.m. You are invited to attend. -*WM Department*

MEN'S MINISTRIES

There will be a special meeting for all Men's Ministries local leaders at the Real Harvest Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. We will plan for the upcoming Men's Retreat in South Andros scheduled for the end of May 2016. -*Pastor Nikita Thompson, Men's Ministries Coordinator*

PROPHECY SYMPOSIUM

The men and women's ministries departments of the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church continue a Prophecy Symposium on May 15, 2016 at the church. Come and hear Pastor Sean Harris of the Mansfield Seventh-day Adventist Church located in Dallas, Texas explore deep things of God. -*Mrs. Margaret Forbes, Women's Ministries Leader*

BABY BOTTLES OUTREACH

You can change a life for pennies. How? By filling baby bottles with your loose change! The Women's Ministries (WM) Departments of Bethany Hillview Gambier, Peardale and other Zone 2 churches are spearheading this outreach initiative for this quarter. The fundraising assists the Counseling and Patient Support Services of the Bahamas Godparent Centre. For more information, contact your local WM leader or Stephanie Hutcheson Zone 2 Outreach Coordinator

UNPACKING THE BIBLE

Save the dates June 8-11 to experience Unpacking the Bible at the Bethany Church with guest speaker, Pastor Cherise Gardner of Long Beach, California. Unpacking the Bible is a unique evangelistic series featuring immersion in sound Bible teaching and dynamic worship, which seeks to reveal to attendees the life-changing treasures found in the Scripture in a way that is challenging, practical and transformational. For more information, contact Pastor Kenny Deveaux at 341-4021 or Dr. Stephanie Hutcheson at drshutcheson@hotmail.com.

ADVENTIST MEN

-CHORALE REHEARSAL-

All members of the Adventist Men Chorale and those wishing to join are asked to meet for rehearsal at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. Let us continually use our talent to the honour and glory of God. -*Reginald E. Forbes, Choir Leader*

SABBATH SCHOOL PERSONNEL

All Sabbath School personnel are invited to meet at the Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the new reporting form and other concerns. -*Pastor Lynden Williams, Sabbath School Director*

EASTERN DISTRICT CHOIR REHEARSAL

All choir directors, choir members and singers from the following churches in the Eastern District are asked to meet at the Maranatha Church today at 7:30 p.m. for a rehearsal: Centreville, Living Faith, New Providence, Message of Hope, Maranatha, Philadelphia, Redemption, Parkgate, Johnson Road and Philadelphia. -*Sisters Annette Dorsett & Virginia Zonicle*

HEALTH OPPORTUNITY

Do you have a HEALTH CHALLENGE with diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, cancer, or cholesterol? A HEALTH OPPORTUNITY awaits you at the Lifestyle Wellness Weekend Seminar with Dr. Mark Sandoval of Uchee Pines Institute at the Church of God Auditorium on Joe Farrington Road, from Thursday, May 26 to Sunday, May 29, 2016. You will hear topics like Why Lifestyle Matters, Natural Treatments for Diabetes, Cancer, Health Principles in Scripture and Science. Sessions will be held Thursday from 5:30 p.m., all day Friday, all day Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. Plan now to be a part of this life-changing weekend. Evidence shows that a lifestyle change can restore your health so call Dr. Higgs at 322-8314 for that early bird special.

BAHAMAS ACADEMY PTA

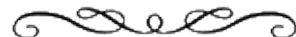
The Parent/Teachers Association of Bahamas Academy will host a Stew/Souse-Out and Walkathon on Sunday, May 22 at 6:30 a.m. Walkathon route: Breath of Life Church to Super Value Parking Lot in the Golden Gates Shopping Center and back. After the walk, there will be a small supply of vegetarian stew and souse with johnny cake at the school site for a nominal fee. We are asking all and sundry to come and participate. -*Mrs. Victoria Forbes, PTA President*

BETHANY'S HEALTH EXPO

The Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church invites everyone to attend their Health Expo on May 29, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Cable Beach Shopping Center. There will be free health checks, food tasting, and cooking demonstration. The Blood Bank will be there along with the Pathfinders Marching Band. Mark the date on your calendars. See you there! -*Ms. Rose Cooper, Bethany Health Director*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE LOGOS

All announcements for The Logos should be forwarded to: logos@sbcadventist.com. If your announcement is sent to any other email address, it will not be published. -*Editor*



YOUTH TIDBITS

-Important Meeting-

All Adventurer and Pathfinder Directors are advised that there will be an important meeting the Hillview Church on Monday May 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Please come prepared to give a brief report of your club activities for the first quarter. -*Pastor Larry Green, Youth Min. Director*

-Social Enrichment-

The Social Enrichment Department of SBC youth ministries wishes to extend congratulations to the Hillview Stingers church volleyball team for placing first in the volleyball league. It was a fierce and exciting game against Bethany and all sets were won by the slim margin of 4 points. We commend all the teams that participated. -*Mr. Daran Clarke, Coordinator*

-Basketball League-

Basketball league is June 18, and referee training begins Monday, May 2 at A F Adderley School. Youth leaders are asked to contact Daran Clarke for further information in regard to registering an attendee.

-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.

-Hymn Fest-

Hillview AY presents *Hymn Fest 2016* on May 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. All youth choirs and youth groups are invited to participate. Interested persons should contact the Hillview Church Secretary at 361-8683 or by email at hillviewseventhday@gmail.com to register. Registration deadline is May 21.

-Open Gym-

Open Gym is tonight! Come to the HD Coulburn Gymnasium tonight and let's play basketball together...Just come ready to play, socialize and cheer along. Game begins at 8:00 p.m. -*Pastor L. Green, Youth Ministries Director*

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
MAY 21, 2016 AT 7:50 P.M.

Website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>

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Have a Blessed Sabbath!

