

THE LOGOS



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

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PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN



The Seventh-day Adventist World Church devotes the last Sabbath in May to pray especially for children at risk. Many children around the world live under the threat of violence or neglect in their own homes or schools.

Children are sometimes referred to as bad, rude, unmannerly, or crude. Could this diagnosis result from the neglect of others or the willful injection of uncouth influence?

Children need to be nurtured in a safe and loving environment. When society is bereft of positive influence, children suffer. As a church that cares, our duty is to enter the crevices of the society's psyche to create avenues toward a better future for every child under its influence.

How can we assist children at risk in our community?

Our mandate is given in Matthew 28: 19, Go ye therefore and teach.... Every child must be taught the graces of life and it is the responsibility of each adult to provide the environment that makes a child feel loved and accepted. We cannot relegate a child to a cold world without careful guidance in navigating the cliffs and traps that are subtly or overtly positioned to destroy them.

A child whose parents may have deceased should not be at the mercy of an uncaring home or school. Suffer the little children... (Luke 18:16). What an admonition from the Lord Himself! He has set the example and therefore, we ought to follow. Are you aware of a child who is at risk, socially, academically, spiritually, or psychologically? If you cannot intervene and give the necessary help, seek or find a

solution to the child's dilemma and work assiduously to facilitate intervention.

With fear and trepidation, folk knowingly turn a deaf ear on the abuse of a child. This behaviour is abhorrent and should be shunned. It is time to engage in a spiritual and civic battle for our children. Pray that the darts of the devil will detour into oblivion.

South Bahamas Conference, get in a posture of prayer for our dear children around the world and definitely in The Bahamas who find themselves helpless and vulnerable. May God bless and help our children today and always. Lord, help us as we protect our children, in Your name we pray. Amen. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director

ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

2019 LTM Reaping Campaigns in ATCU

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, May 27 - June 2, 2018 is: **Preaching Sites in Grand Turk.** -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the fifth quadrennial session of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church located on Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas during November 4 - 6, 2018.

Registration for all delegates will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 12:00 noon on November 4. The first meeting of the business session will be called at 2:00 p.m.

The Conference Session is called to:

1. Receive reports from the officers and various departments.
2. Elect officers and departmental directors to serve for the next four-year term.
3. Transact such other business as may be properly placed before the delegates. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Secretary

CAMP MEETING IS COMING SOON



WORK CONTINUES

AT THE DRIGGS HILL CHURCH

The South Andros District is working toward the completion of the Driggs Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church. They need your help in realizing their goal. Kindly contribute so that *the edifice* becomes a reality. Your donation toward this project may be forwarded to the conference office in your title envelope. -Administration

DEADLINE FOR BIOGRAPHIES

All members over seventy years old and who have been in the Adventist Church for over twenty-five years are encouraged to write a one-page biography highlighting their journey in faith. The article should be typewritten, single-spaced in Times New Roman, size 12 font. This information is urgently needed. If you need assistance in this regard, kindly contact Mrs. Mary Knott or Bridgette Bastian. -Office of the President

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.** The third rehearsal will be held at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church this afternoon (May 26) 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. It promises to be one of the most spiritually charged and life-changing events for the body of believers in Christ. We are taking the largest delegation ever, so you want to be a part of this historical event. If you are planning on joining this venture by faith, you need to reserve your space NOW! We are operating on a first come first served basis. In connection with this upcoming event, 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

CHAM - AT A GLANCE

Ongoing: Talking Backpack in the various churches
May 26: World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk
June 16: CHAM Speech Symposium
June 24 -30: Camp Meeting (Sabbath: Talking Backpack Emphasis)

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Second Quarter (April -June)

"WE" (Women Empowerment) - at a glance:

May 2018

Zone 2 Community outreach

3 "Acts of Kindness"

29th May 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Distribution of pre-packaged soup and spiritual literature to patients at the Gambier Clinic.

30th May 1:00 p.m. - Presentation of blankets and tea time items and spiritual literature to Oncology Department for cancer patients.

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

June 2018

9: Women's Ministries & GEMS Emphasis Day

TBA: SBC GEMS Event

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

-Wellness Retreat-

Join Wholistic Lifestyle on an all-inclusive five-day/four-night wellness retreat in beautiful Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera on May 20 - 25. Call 323-0610/325-6173 for more details. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

-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. If you are interested, form a team of four and come show off 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. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix

FINANCIAL HEALTH SEMINAR

The Maranatha Church invites you to our "Financial Health" seminar on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Speakers: **Carlene Farquharson, Attorney and Partner at Alexioux Knowles and Co.**

Cleora Farquharson

Vice President of Pension and Investment at Fidelity Bank

Main Topics: Pensions, Investment, Will, and Trust.

TEACHER NEEDED AT MARANATHA ACADEMY

IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS
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 deadline for the application to be submitted is June 10, 2018. -Education Director, Turks and Caicos Islands Mission of Seventh-day Adventists



PRAYER MINISTRIES UPDATE - 2018

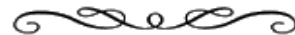
-Monthly Joint Prayer Schedule-

June Joint Prayer Meeting: Grant's Town Church on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 6:00 a.m.

All local church prayer ministries leaders of the conference are invited to meet following the meeting to discuss matters related to the continued management of prayer ministries activities.

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. Please make plans to attend. Invite your family and friends who want an extended time with the Lord. -Ms. Ali McIntosh, Prayer Team



YOUTH TIDBITS

-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

INVITATION TO ENTER

FILM CONTEST

The Office of Adventist Mission at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists announces the 2018 film contest titled "*My Story, My Mission*." Students around the world are invited to creatively express, in *one minute* or less, what mission means in their lives.

The contest is for students 18-25 years old who self-identify as Adventist or who attend Adventist-affiliated educational institutions. To ensure eligibility, entrants are asked to refer to the entry rules. Films must be submitted online at AdventistMission.org/filmcontest by **August 31, 2018.**

Young filmmakers have four months to create their masterpiece. A panel of judges will select a shortlist in September which will then be placed on the Adventist Mission website and social media for public voting.

The winners will be announced in October at the Society of Adventist Communicators Conference (also in Columbia). **The first place winner can look forward to honing his or her filmmaking skills by accompanying Adventist Mission/Mission Spotlight® filmmakers on an all-expense-paid mission film trip to an international location.** This year's second prize is a choice of either the GoPro HERO6 or DJI Spark Drone. The third prize is the DJI Osmo Mobile Gimbal Stabilizer, and the Judges' Choice prize is the Ricoh Theta SC Spherical camera. All eligible young people are encouraged to create a film and enter the contest! "When I entered the contest, I didn't think I was going to win. But I at least hoped to win second place," said Rachel, the 2017 contest winner, while filming in Thailand. "Now, sometimes I can't believe it, and I have to ask myself: *Am I really here on the other side of the world filming these stories? It's a great blessing!*"

If you would like more information about this contest, please contact the Adventist Mission Office by email at questions@adventistmission.org. Full details and rules are on AdventistMission.org/filmcontest.

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH

JUNE 2, 2018 AT 7:52 P.M.

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<http://southbahamasconference.org>

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Telephone: 341-4021