

THE LOGOS



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“Lord Transform Me”

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CHILDREN AT RISK – DAY OF PRAYER



Children are often referred to as our most important resources, our precious

pearls/gems. We must be mindful of our responsibility to guard our children, because they are the most vulnerable group in our society.

What does at risk suggest? According to Kristin Anderson Moore in her brief, Research-to-Results, she cited that children seem to be at risk if they are disabled, have low-self esteem, or have been abused.

She continued, “Alternatively, some contend that one should not view children themselves as being at risk, but rather the environments in which children develop. For example, it could be said that the family is at risk. Families are the most critical setting for the development of children, and family risk factors, such as poverty, single parenthood, and low parental education levels, regularly have been found to undermine children’s development.

A low-income community with a high crime rate and a low high school graduation rate might be viewed as a place that puts children and adolescents at risk of poor outcomes.”

Moore presents a powerful discourse, but it is important to add that the family or community should not ignore its responsibility to expose the child to a spiritual environment that will influence his/her value system. A human being has the bent to sin... born in sin and shaped in iniquity (Psalm 51:5). With this potent statement, how much more the imperative to nurture and care for our children in a world where they are at risk daily. Our children are placed in the hands of caregivers, teachers at school and church and even their peers! Are their parents/guardians consciously guarding their welfare, or do we matter-of-factly place them in environments that are detrimental to their spiritual, physical,

social, mental, and emotional welfare? How do we cater to the orphans or those with an absent parent?

These are pertinent questions that a caring church can address. Our children belong to God. We are simply His ambassadors. If we care about our Father in heaven and we are obedient to His instructions, we must care well for His children!

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has dedicated Sabbath, May 28, 2016 as a day set apart for children at risk. It is scheduled annually on the last Sabbath of May.

Thousands of children around the world are at risk. Many face abuse, neglect, trafficking to other countries, hurt and much more. Children at risk need to be protected and helped so that they can use their God-given talents to their fullest. They need our prayers.

VIVA publishes also a prayer booklet each year for anyone who would like to download it. It’s a good resource you can use. Go to:

<http://www.worldweekendofprayer.com/>

Let’s encourage our children and members to intercede for other children at risk around the world.

God bless you as you continue nurturing children as God’s children and being prayer partners with them for other children. -*Sister Joan Scavella, Children and Adolescent Ministries Director*

PLEDGE-A-THON -An Opportunity to Share-

Today is a great day for you to donate to WORD SBC 88.3 and ATV53. This past week was our first annual Pledge-A-Thon. Thanks to those who have donated so far and the operators who volunteered. You will soon be told the full amount pledged. We invite you, if you have not done so yet, to place your donation in the Tithe and Offering envelope and write “Pledge-A-Thon” beside it or bring it to the office. Although the Pledge-A-Thon has ended for this year, we will still

be happy to receive donations anytime of the year to support the ministry. The funds will be used to purchase much need equipment, fees, licenses, and hire support staff. -*Pastor Barrington Brennen, Associate Communication Director*

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK -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, *Transformed for His Glory*, 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.

Transformed for His Glory 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.

Please take note of the venues for camp meeting:

* **Sunday - Friday, June 12 - 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church.**

* **Sabbath, June 18 at 9:15 a.m. (Adult and Youth) at the William Thompson Auditorium on Jean Street.**

* **Sabbath, June 18 at 9:15 a.m. (Children and Adolescents) at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church.**

* **Sabbath, June 18 - at 5:00 p.m. - members and community friends will march from the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church to the William Thompson Auditorium at 5:00 p.m. for a**

rally that is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

Please note that there will be two services on Sabbath morning.

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*

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for May 29 – June 4, 2016 is: *The Shiloh and Blessed Hope Churches in The North Bahamas Conference*. Join the entire union in prayer. -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator*

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, June 5, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., Sister Allison M. Rolle will present an evening of *Ministry In Music* at the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church. Sharing in this powerful evening of ministry will be special guest artists from the South Bahamas Conference. Bring a friend and an offering in support of the music ministry. You will experience an abundant outpouring of blessings! -*Sister A. Rolle*

ADVENTIST BOOK DAY SALE

The book sale ends in three days! Get your copy tomorrow! 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*

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.

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. You will hear topics like Why Lifestyle Matters, Natural Treatments for Diabetes, Cancer, Health

Principles in Scripture and Science. Sessions will be on Sunday, May 29, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Plan now to be a part of this life-changing event. Evidence shows that a lifestyle change can restore your health so call Dr. Higgs at 322-8314 for that early bird special.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

-In Gratitude-

Thank you to all the persons who attended and presented at the 'Mind Matters' Emotional Wellness presentation/discussion. We are sure that you are much more enriched with tools to take care of your emotional wellbeing. Remember if you need further information or assistance please make contact by calling the numbers given by our presenters. We are here for you. Further programs on each topic presented will be coming soon.

-8 Weeks To Wellness-

A special thank you to all the presenters, coaches, volunteers, facilitators, and parking attendants who participated in 8 Weeks to Wellness 2016 Program. Based on the feedback we have been receiving from our participants it was truly a success. Praise the Lord!

A Health and Wellness Seminar/Crusade

-Save The Date-

A Health and Wellness Seminar/Crusade will be held on August 19 - Sept 3, 2016. Our speaker will be Pastor Dudley Hosin. -*Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

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*

ATTENTION OAKWOOD ALUMNI

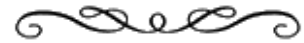
You are invited to attend an important meeting at the New Englerston Church on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. We will discuss matters relating to an Oakwood University Alumni Cruise that will arrive in Nassau on the Carnival Cruise Line on June 10, 2016. Other important matters will also be discussed. -*Idamae Hanna, New Englerston SDA Church*

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

There will be a meeting for all Sabbath School Personnel on June 14 at the Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church on Marshall Road at 6:30 p.m. Updates from the Union Advisory meeting will be given. -*Pastor Lynden Williams, Sabbath School Director*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE LOGOS

All announcements for The Logos should be forwarded to: logos@sbcadventist.com by 12 noon on Tuesday. If your announcement is sent to any other email address, it will NOT be published. -*Editor*



YOUTH TIDBITS

-Basketball League-

Basketball League is June 18. Youth leaders are asked to contact Daran Clarke for further information.

-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.

-Save the Date-

The youth department of the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting a "Youth Retreat" on June 24 - 25, 2016. Interested persons should contact the church secretary at 361-8683 or at hillviewseventhday@gmail.com to register and to get additional information. -*Mrs. Tamica Dorsett, Youth Department*

-Youth Council to Meet-

There will be a Youth Council meeting at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. -*Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director*

-Hillview AY-

May 28 - *Hymn Fest 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. -*Pastor L. Green, Youth Ministries Director*

GOOD NEWS PATHFINDERS

The Good News Seventh-day Adventist church will hold a Souse- Out at their church on Flamingo Gardens on Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

This event is in aid of the following:

- Camporee trip
- Church repair fund
- Club supplies.

You may contact Director Chiquita Culmer at the church for additional information. -*C. Culmer, Pathfinder Director; Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church*

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH JUNE 4, 2016 AT 7:56 P.M.

Website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>

Email: logos@sbcadventist.com

Have a Blessed Sabbath!

