

THE LOGOS



Connected: Scatter to Gather

"Lord Transform Me"

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BEGINNING OF SORROWS



Natural catastrophes and man-made disasters of the 21st century have been some of the worst ever

recorded in history. In January 2010, one of the worst earthquakes ever recorded in history hit Haiti measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale. It is estimated that 230,000 people died, 300,000 people were injured, and over one million were made homeless. On December 26, 2004, an earthquake struck on the Pacific sea floor, 150 miles off the west coast of the Indonesian island Sumatra. The 9.0 magnitude earthquake quickly gave rise to a tsunami that within hours of the initial earthquake hit the shorelines of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, and the Maldives. The waves reaching 30 feet high, and racing at the speed of a jet aircraft, killed more than 230,000 people and displacing millions more.

So what is the definition of natural disasters? Answer: A catastrophic event that is caused by nature or the natural processes of the earth. The severity of a disaster is measured in lives lost, economic loss, and the ability of the population to rebuild.

The bible clearly indicates that great natural disasters, famines, and other types of disruptions will occur in the very last days, with devastating effects and increasing frequency of occurrence.

Where do we find the key information on end time natural disasters? Primarily in two places, the prophecies of Christ (the Olivet Discourse, found in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21) and the Book of Revelation.

The disciples asked Christ, "When shall these things be?" He said the following: And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. **All these are the beginning of sorrows** (Matthew 24: 6-8). In fact, all three accounts of the Olivet Discourse confirm that natural disasters that occur during this period are referred to as the "beginning of sorrows." Crucial to note at this point is that these earthquakes do not occur at the "end" of sorrows, or before the sorrows. They clearly

occur during the "beginning of sorrows" often referred to as the "beginning of the end."

In Rev 3:11, Jesus begins by saying, "Behold I come quickly" and goes on appealing to us to remain strong in our faith. This text also alludes to the necessity of having a sense of readiness! In The Bahamas we have and continue to experience both coastal and even moral wipeouts as we are living in the beginning of the end!

Seismologists continue to predict earthquakes along the eastern seaboard of the United States of America and meteorologists forecast increase of hurricanes and scientists continue to predict rising sea levels due to global warming. Six years ago the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued a report predicting a maximum of 23 inches of sea-level rise by the end of this century. Question: As the hurricane season is about to begin in a matter of weeks, are we physically prepared for the possible devastating effects and more importantly are we spiritually ready for the fulfillment of these end time prophecies? - *Pastor Craig Williams, Community Services 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.

The venue for Friday, June 17, and Sabbath morning, June 18, (Adult and Youth) has changed. The new venue will be announced later. There will be two services on Sabbath morning. The children will worship at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church while the youth and adults will be at the venue to be announced. 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 8 - 14, 2016 is: **The Freeport Church 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!

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

HEALTH EXPLOSION AT BEREA

You are cordially invited to a Grand Gospel Health Explosion under the theme: **Health Hope and Happiness** at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church located on Bailou Road on Sunday, May 1 through 14 at 7:15 p.m. nightly (Tuesday and Thursday are off-nights). Come and hear Evangelist Leon Mars and other health evangelists. You will be blessed! For further details call 341-4021. -Bro. Alfred Styles, Communications Secretary, Berea

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 schedule of upcoming church broadcasts is below:

May 7 Redemption

June 4 Centreville

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

PROPHECY SYMPOSIUM

The men and women's ministries departments of the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church cordially invite you to a Prophecy Symposium under the theme, "Edging Closer to Eternity" on May 11-15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. 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 Patent 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.

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

SBC MONTHLY WALK

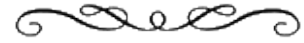
Join us on Sunday, May 8, at 6:00 a.m. for overall rejuvenation. Starting from Goodman's Bay to Sandypoint and back or part thereof. What better way to start your Mother's Day. Let's keep moving! -Mrs. N. LaCroix, Health Ministries

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

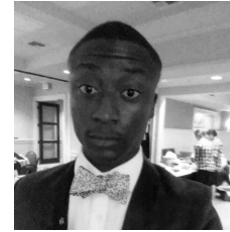
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE LOGOS

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



YOUTH TIDBITS

-Bahamas Academy Alumnus Shines-



On Friday April 22, Earl Roberts II was awarded *Student Employee of the Year* at Walla Walla University.

Comments on his nomination included:

"Every Job that Earl has been given, has been taken to another level in professionalism, quality and timeliness". "Earl leads with integrity. He is loyal and respectful".

"He is always first to offer help". "He is one of the best Resident Deans I have ever worked with in my seven years at Walla Walla University".

Earl was also chosen as Washington State's student employee of the year 2015-2016 from the Western Association of Student Employment.

This award is given to student workers who are considered exceptional employees. Earl currently serves as the Resident Dean of men for Meske and Sittner Halls at Walla Walla and the Vice President for Engineers Without Borders WWU Chapter. Last year, he was afforded the opportunity to travel to India where he conducted on-site research and developed plans for a three-storey school building. Earl is a 2012 graduate of Bahamas Academy who is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Global Humanitarian Engineering and a minor in Mathematics and Physics. Let us continue to pray for Earl that God will continue to bless and keep him while he studies abroad. -Roberts/Forbes Family

-Honouring Mothers-

Burning Flames Youth Ministry is honoring our mothers! We welcome you to attend our Mother's Day prayer breakfast. This special event will take place at 46 McKinney Drive, Stapledon Gardens on May 15, 2016 from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Our theme is *Mothers Rising Up - Fighting Battles on Our Knees*. Those attending will be greatly blessed. For further details feel free to contact Torri Knowles (544-4159) or Shantavia Gittens (552-9140). We look forward to your calls. Space is limited. -Ms. Shantavia Gittens, Burning Flames Youth Ministry

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
MAY 14, 2016 AT 7:46 P.M.

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<http://southbahamasconference.org>

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Have a Blessed Sabbath!

