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"Lord Transform Me"

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WEEK OF PRAYER: THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION



Do you sense the need for prayer? You may ponder where to start, but effective prayer begins, at the point of need. Like the incarnate Son of God, we must sense the need for spiritual discourse with our Heavenly Father. Such communication is void of self-gratification, but full of compassion for the well being of others. The leadership of the church and the rank and file of the membership sense the need for a spiritual discourse that will make a difference in lives of both the membership and the world in which the church ministers. The discourse with our Heavenly Father should take the form of praise, confession, intercession, supplication, and thanksgiving.

Firstly, let's look at *praise*. When we pray, we praise God for who He is and for what He has done. God is all-powerful yet, all loving. Of course, more can be said about who God is. God has done great things for us physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and materially.

Secondly, we must clear the path. Sin obstructs the way in prayer. Hence, we must all confess our sins. Scripture points out that iniquity in our hearts make our prayers ineffective. In our conversation with God, we should be willing to allow Him to show us what sins we need to confess. As scripture points, "if we confess our sins God is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Thirdly, we intercede. The power of intercession by its nature enables our focus on the spiritual, physical, mental, emotional and material wellbeing of others. Jesus showed us this truth when He prayed, "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word: that they may be one, as You Father are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me" (John 17:20, 21).

Fourthly, we show gratitude. Like the psalmist, we need to give thanks to God and bless His name. The power of thanksgiving is in relying on God to answer our prayers. We say thanks not just for what God has done but also for what He will do. As Paul points out, "Be anxious for nothing but in all things in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God"

(Philippians 4:6). So, there is an urgent need to praise God, an urgent need to confess sins, an urgent need to intercede and an urgent need to show gratitude to God. So, enrich your life today, with prayer. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, November 12 - November 18, 2017 is: **Thankful for Health**. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

ACTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



On Thursday, November 2, 2017 the South Bahamas Conference executive committee

took an action to appoint Mrs. Cindy Stuart as the Children and Adolescent Ministries assistant director for the remainder of the quadrennium. Mrs. Stuart comes to the department with a wealth of experience, having served in the Children and Adolescent Ministries Department of her church for over 15 years. -Secretariat

EVANGELISTIC AND FAITH BUILDING SERIES AT BETHANY

The Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church located on K.D. Albury Lane, North Westridge invites you to the conclusion of "A Love Encounter" - *Transformed by Experiencing the Heart of God* - on **November 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** This is an evangelistic and faith building service designed to reveal the heart of the Father and the completed work of Jesus Christ as presented in the scriptures. Come and experience a closer encounter! -Pastor Kenny Deveaux, Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church

PRAYER MINISTRY LEADERS AND PERSONNEL

There will be an important meeting at the conference office on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for all prayer ministries leaders, prayer ministry personnel, and other interested persons wishing to serve on the committee for the 2018 prayer retreat. Pastor Peter Joseph, South Bahamas Conference prayer coordinator and the lay prayer fellowship coordinators will host the meeting. Please attend or send a representative from your church. -Sister Ali McIntosh, Prayer Team

ATCU PASTORS AND LAY MEMBERS EVANGELISM AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) will hold an evangelism and leadership training on December 10 - 16, 2017 at their headquarters on Gladstone Road and the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Tonique Williams-Darling Highway.

See information below:

Sunday, December 10, 2017

6:00 p.m.: Plenary Session at Hillview

7:00 p.m.: Joint Service at Hillview

Monday, December 11, 2017

8:15 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.: Morning Devotion and Plenaries at ATCU headquarters

5:30 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.: Devotion and Plenaries at Hillview

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

8:15 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.: - Morning Devotion and Plenaries at ATCU headquarters

5:30 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.: Devotion, Breakout Sessions, and Plenary at Hillview

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

8:15 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.: Morning Devotion and Plenaries at ATCU headquarters

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.: Devotion, Plenary, and Joint Service at Hillview

Thursday, December 14, 2017

8:15 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.: Morning Devotion and Plenaries at ATCU headquarters

5:30 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.: Devotion, Breakout Sessions, and Plenary at Hillview

Friday, December 15, 2017

8:15 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.: - Morning Devotion and Plenaries at ATCU headquarters

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.: Devotion, Plenary, and Joint Service at Hillview

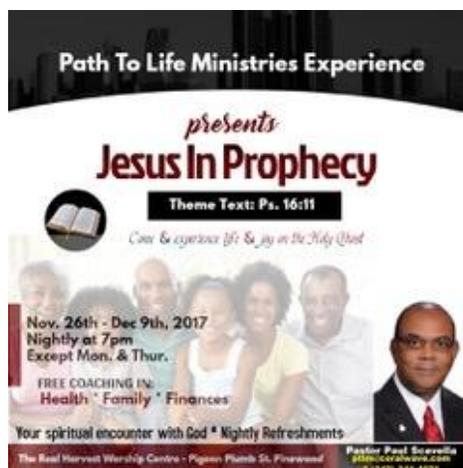
Sabbath, December 16, 2017

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Joint Service at Hillview

For additional information, go to the conference website, www.southbahamasconference.org -Pastor Paul Scavella, President



The guest presenters are Dr. Ray Ostrander and Dr. Marie Ostrander from Andrews University; and Pastor Levi Johnson, Central Jamaica Conference president. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Family Life Ministries



ASI BUSINESS FAIR

The ASI Business Fair will be held at the old Bahamas Academy Gym on November 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. All businesspersons who are interested in renting a booth may contact the local ASI representative at their church, President Ian Greene at 556 0492, Secretary Shandera Smith at 803 6543 or Treasurer Victoria Forbes at 427 2341. Booths are sized 10 x 10 for a nominal fee. Electrical power, tables, chairs or any other amenity are available at a low cost. -Elder Ian Greene, President; ASI

BEREA STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

Under the theme: 'Servant of God', the Stewardship Department of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church will have a day of stewardship emphasis on Sabbath, December 2, 2017.

Come and be blessed during the divine and AY hour. Topics to be addressed during AY are:

- Getting and Staying Out of Debt
- Acquiring a Mortgage for Minimal Down Payment and Interest.

-Elder Osmond LaCroix, Stewardship Leader, Berea

PRAYER MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

The 3rd Annual SBC Prayer Ministries Prayer Conference and Retreat will be held at the Courtyard Marriot on West Bay Street in New Providence, Bahamas on February 1 - 4, 2018. Stop by the South Bahamas Conference office or call 341-4021 to reserve your room! Residential or non-residential registration is available. Space is limited. Call Elder David Knowles: 4251191, or Elder Keble Dawkins: 455-0276, or Sis. Ali McIntosh: 423-2709 for package prices. -Prayer Ministries

WEEK-DAY LOCAL TV PROGRAMS
This is the amended schedule of programs for ATV:

- Around the Conference - Mondays 7:00 a.m.
- Adventist News - Fridays 4:00 p.m.
- Voices - Tuesdays 5:00 p.m.
- NBC Focus - Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.

PARL DEPARTMENT

The Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department needs the names of all active and retired civil servants by November 15, 2017, to include in the booklet for the service in 2018. Kindly submit same to the Conference office to the attention of Mrs. Bridgette Bastian. -Pastor Paul Scavella, Director

SOBCRA'S ANNUAL RETREAT

The Annual Retreat of the South Bahamas Conference Retirees Association (SoBCRA) will be held on Thursday, November 23, 2017 at the residence of Elder and Mrs. Anthony Burrows, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All retirees in the South Bahamas Conference are invited to attend. Please call Pastor John Carey (557-2037), or Pastor Neville Scavella (364-1460) to confirm your attendance. -Dr. John Carey, President; SoBCRA

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

4th Quarter at a Glance

November 18th - Women's Ministries Leaders Chat and Chew
December 2017 - Sisters bringing Yuletide - Zone 4 Outreach Initiative Geriatric Home, Her Majesty's Prison and Children's Home. -Sister Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

HEALTH MINISTRIES

8 Weeks to Wellness Coaches

All persons interested in working as coaches for 8 Weeks to Wellness 2018, are asked to contact Sis. Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610.

AHPA Year-end Get Together

All health professionals, health directors/assistants and those with a passion for health are invited to the AHPA/Health Ministries yearend get-together on November 26, 2017. For further details, call Sis. Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610 or email: lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com

Inagua Health Expo

Health and Women's Ministries directors will be travelling to Inagua on December 1 - 4, 2017 to facilitate a wellness weekend. All persons interested in being a part of this weekend expo, may contact Sis. Nathelyn Lacroix at 323-0610.

Uchee Pines: For Remedies and Preventative Medicine

All persons interested in travelling to Uchee Pines on March 25-29, 2018 to attend the Simple Remedies and Preventive Medicine seminar may contact Sis. Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610.

Save the Date

8 Weeks to Wellness 2018 starts February 5, 2018. Put things in order now for this beneficial exposure to your health! -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

CARIBBEAN WELLNESS WEEK WALK/RUN

The Health Ministries Department expresses a special thank you to all the persons who walked/ran last week Sunday. Our youngest participants were: Sharine Gaitor, 7 years old and Sharice Gaitor, 6 years old. The oldest participant was Bertram Sears, 84 years old. Ten churches were represented. The largest groups were from the Hillview and New Providence churches. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

WORLD DIABETES DAY SEMINAR

If you are a woman with diabetes or know a woman with diabetes, you don't want to miss the upcoming **World Diabetes Day Living Well Symposium** under the theme, *Diabetes and Women: Our Right to A Healthy Future* on Thursday, November 23, 2017 at the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church Hall on Great Britain Street in Flamingo Gardens. Health screenings begin at 4:00 p.m. There will be various guest speakers and demonstrations, giveaways and prizes. For more information and to reserve your seat, call 502-4855 or WhatsApp 802-3668 or email us at footworsk242@gmail.com -Dr. Monique Mitchell

NATURAL REMEDIES WELLNESS SEMINAR

One of the objectives of the Health Ministries Department of Maranatha Church is to motivate the members and the wider community to strive towards a greater degree of mental, physical and spiritual health through education, so that they can make positive health behavior changes. In keeping with this objective, Valerie Schrieber ND, of Uchee Pines Lifestyle Center in Seale Alabama was invited to conduct a wellness seminar on October 25 - 29, 2017.

Members and visitors alike were taught about the many uses of charcoal and clay and how to treat common conditions such as infections, high cholesterol, peptic ulcers, and pain, in a natural way. Another highlight of the seminar was the hands-on workshop, where a number of the guests were shown and actively participated in learning about the healing power of water therapy to treat arthritis, joint pain, and inflammation.

Participants were so excited by what they were taught, that one commented, "Pharmaceutical drugs often cause adverse reactions, what I liked most about this seminar was that it taught natural remedies with no harmful side effects."

Revelation 22: 2 says "the leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations" *NLT*. Natural medicine is widely understood to increase the body's ability to ward off diseases. The remedies taught at the seminar are in sync with nature.

A special heartfelt thanks to all who came to be a part of this life-changing event. To God be the glory great things He has done! *Mrs. Gayle Farquharson, Health Ministries Leader, Maranatha*

CHAM UPDATES

***Children's Day** at each church on Sabbath, **November 25, 2017**. The Theme is "*Called to be Faithful*". All leaders and assistants should have the program. If you have not started working with the children and adolescents, as yet, it is time to begin. We are only two weeks away!

***Children's Agape Praise** at the *Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church* on Sabbath, **November 25, 2017** at 4:00 p.m. The entire family and community friends are invited. Take careful note of the venue.

***Fun-day** at the Breath of Life Grounds on Sunday, **November 26, 2017** at 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Get your tickets from your CHAM leader or assistant leader. -Joan Scavella, Director

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The South Bahamas Conference Community Services Department desires to establish a food bank that will serve as a major resource to all of its community services programs within our local churches and Family Islands. Thus, we are seeking to locate a building from which to operate and store food. If anyone is able to assist us in locating a building from which to operate, please call the conference office. -Pastor Craig Williams, Community Services Coordinator



YOUTH TIDBITS

Youth Award Banquet

The Youth Award Banquet is scheduled for December 17, 2017. Tickets will be available this weekend. For cost, kindly contact your youth leader.

Letters were sent to the churches requesting sponsorship of a few youth to attend the banquet. (Banquet is open to every SBC youth). -Pastor L. Green, Youth Ministries Director

Oshkosh Camporee

Registration continues for Oshkosh Camporee 2019. See your youth leader or Director Patrick Wilson at the conference office. -Mr. Patrick Wilson, Pathfinder Director

**SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
NOVEMBER 18, 2017 AT 5:21 P.M.**

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<http://southbahamasconference.org>

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Have a blessed Sabbath!

