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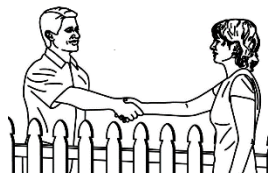


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"Lord Transform Me"

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IT IS CHRISTLIKE TO BE NEIGHBOURLY



Wouldn't it be wonderful, if we were able to choose the kind of people whom we want living next to us? However, as much as we would like to, we cannot hand pick our neighbours. Life would be beautiful if we were surrounded by pleasant, caring, and God-fearing neighbours. Realizing that we do not live in a community among people of our choosing, how can we strive to live with our neighbours according to the Word of God?

The wise man, Solomon eloquently states what our attitude should be toward our neighbor, "He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his peace." (Proverbs 11:12, NKJV).

The passage above instructs us to be wise, pointing out to us that the lack of wisdom will cause us to dislike our neighbors, but understanding promotes peace. Isn't that scripture somewhat harsh on us, especially knowing that we could be living among people who are unpleasant, uncaring, and who are not Christians? Why are we the ones being asked to be neighbourly?

The Bible is replete with counsels on being neighbourly. Below are two instructive readings that will encourage the reader. They highlight potent reasons to be neighbourly.

The first reason, "Do not devise evil against your neighbor, for he dwells by you for safety's sake" (Proverbs 3:29, NKJV).

The above scripture points out one of the benefits our neighbors receive from living near us. The benefit is protection. In fact, this is mutual. We both benefit by living near each other. This is one of the main pillars of a neighborhood crime watch; each looking out for the other. Protection cultivates goodwill among neighbours. It creates a bond that signifies love and care among neighbours. Actually, Jesus modeled the characteristics of being a good neighbour where He did good wherever He went. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, and taught the way of righteous....

The second reason for always being neighbourly is "Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend, nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; better is a neighbor nearby than a brother far away" (Proverbs 27:10, NKJV). This was quite evident during the passage of Hurricane Matthew through The Bahamas. A sister of the Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church testified of the kindness of

a neighbor who sheltered approximately 30 dispossessed persons including her daughter and herself during the height of the storm when they sought refuge from the sea surge.

Let us strive to be more neighbourly by living among others according to God's Word. When we do this, it will serve as a protection not only for us but also our families in times of trouble. More importantly, the way we live among our neighbors can be a powerful testimony of God's love. They may fall in love with the God of our salvation, because we were Christ-like in our interactions with them.

-Brother Drexel Deal, Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for November 27 – December 3, 2016 is: *Maranatha Academy in The Turks and Caicos Islands Mission*. Join the entire union in prayer. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The South Bahamas Conference's *State of the Conference* weekend will be held during the visit of the world famous Aeolians, of Oakwood University. The *State of the Conference* will take place at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. The first of three workshops will begin after the service.

The Aeolians choir will be featured at two concerts. The first one will be a Gala Concert and Reception at the Balmoral Resort on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The second event will be the Grand Concert at the Myles E. Munroe Diplomat Centre on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The proceeds from these concerts will go toward the new South Bahamas Conference multipurpose building and ongoing efforts for victims of Hurricane Matthew.

The Gala Concert and Reception will be limited to 200 persons. The Grand Concert will accommodate over 1,000 persons. Begin to put funds aside for this once in a lifetime event in our conference. The box offices are:

- The Adventist Book Centre
- Bahamas Academy
- Sunisles Watch & Clock

Adventist businesspersons willing to further support this effort with an ad for the concert booklet may contact us at the conference office for further details. -Pastor Paul Scavella, President

UCHEE PINES WELLNESS SEMINAR- MARCH 2017

All persons interested in travelling to Uchee Pines in Seale, Alabama on March 26 – 30, 2017 for a Wellness Seminar (at a nominal cost) may contact Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610 or Lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com. To reserve your accommodation, kindly submit your downpayment to the South Bahamas Conference office by Monday, November 28, 2016 at 4:59 p.m. Ask for Mr. Dwight Brown. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

8 WEEKS TO WELLNESS

The 8 Weeks to Wellness Program begins on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the GMCI (Old Bahamas Academy Gym), Wulff Road. Join us and learn how to prevent and manage hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol, cancer, weight gain, stress, financial debt, and much more. A small donation is required. Contact the South Bahamas Conference at 341-4121 or the Health Director, Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this program. All health professionals, registration clerks, parking attendants and all with a passion for wellness are welcomed. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix

SUNSHINE CHRISTMAS

The Philadelphia and Maranatha District will be presenting 'SUNSHINE CHRISTMAS', a medley of familiar Christmas Carols arranged by Clark Gassman and 'BETHLEHEM'S LIGHT', a Christmas Musical by Marty Parks at 11:00 a.m. on Sabbath, December 24, 2016 at the Maranatha Church. You are invited to attend. -Mrs. Annette L. Dorsett, Philadelphia Church

A FAITHFUL SERVANT LAID TO REST



The South Bahamas Conference is saddened by the passing of a faithful servant who was laid to rest on Sunday, November 20, 2016. Mrs. Vallie Mae Knowles passed away on November 4, 2016 at her home. She was steadfast in her service to God and her support of the church. She served faithfully along with her husband, Elder Hezekiah Knowles, who predeceased her. Elder Knowles served as an elder in the Tarpum Bay Church for 40 years. The conference acknowledges her dedicated service and encourages our members to pray for the children and other family members as they experience this difficult loss. -Conference Administration

THE ABC IS HAVING A SALE!

The ABC will have a Thanksgiving storewide sale on Tuesday, November 29 and Wednesday, November 30. Plan now to take advantage of the great discounts. -Mrs. Cherry Blackmore, ABC Manager

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The fourth quarter's out-reach for Women's Ministries will concentrate its effort on the North Andros Community to help send relief to not just our members, but all those who were affected by Hurricane Matthew.

Zone 4 is spearheading this initiative and the churches are: Grant's Town, Redemption, Maranatha, Ebenezer, Philadelphia, Adelaide, Exuma, San Salvador and Inagua.

Please feel free to contact the Women's Ministries local leader in any of these churches if you have items you wish to contribute. -Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

THANKS!

Special thanks is extended to the churches in Zone 3 of Women's Ministries, who ministered to the female inmates at Her Majesty's Prison last week Sabbath. The initial visit by Zone 3 was their out-reach initiative during the third quarter. The initial visit was so impactful to them and the inmates; that they followed through on their promise to return before the year ended.

It was an inspiring service as Elder Marva Farquharson, once again, brought the inspired Word from the Lord. The ladies were overjoyed with the visit and all left feeling the spirit and presence of the Lord. This visit was spearheaded by Sis. Vernita Rahming, the leader for Zone 3 and Women's Ministries leader from the New Englerston Church. We were also happy to have Sisters Airlande St. Fleur and Beverly Williams, shepherdesses from the New Englerston and Living Faith churches accompanying them.

Continue to keep the women at Her Majesty's Prison as well as the ladies that visited in prayer. We pray that God will touch, heal, and transform lives because of this ministry. -Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

THE INSPIRATIONALS IN CONCERT

The Inspirationalists will be in concert at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with director, Ralph Rolle. The concert is under the distinguished patronage of Pastor and Mrs. Paul Scavella. Hear the soul stirring sermonette by Pastor Hugh Roach. The programme will be moderated by Pastor C. Melvin Lewis. A liberal offering is appreciated. -Pastor Barrington Brennen, Associate Communications Director

SoBCRA REACHING OUT

All retirees who are members of the South Bahamas Conference are invited to become members of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Retirees Association. Application forms may be obtained from the receptionist at the conference office. -Dr. John Carey, President; SoBCRA

SUBMITTING ANNOUNCEMENTS

All announcements should be sent to the following email address by 12:00 noon on Tuesday of each week:

logos@sbcadventist.com

The editor reserves the right to edit or reject your announcement. -Editor

ONE INCREDIBLE MOMENT

For four Sabbaths in December, the Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church will tell the story of the redemption of mankind – the promise of salvation, the birth and sacrifice of our Saviour, His resurrection and His second coming – through music, drama, and preaching. Join us December 3, 10, 17 and 24 for **One Incredible Moment**, a serialized dramatic musical that presents the good news of Jesus Christ and puts the importance of the Christmas story into its context as part of the entire redemption plan. -Ms. Melanie Hutcheson, Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church

PRAYER MINISTRIES UPDATE

The South Bahamas Conference Prayer Ministries joint monthly prayer meeting for December will be held at the New Providence Church located on Soldier Road on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 6:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. Bring family and friends for a special time of prayer. The January prayer meeting will be held on January 8, 2017. Location to be announced.

Registration for the Prayer Ministries Retreat will be available at the prayer service on December 4. T-shirts orders will be taken at that time. T-shirts are limited, so place your orders early. Call David Knowles at 435-2291, Ali McIntosh 423-2709, and Elder Keble Dawkins 455-0276 for registration or T shirt orders. -Sister Ali McIntosh



It's SUPER SABBATH!
@ Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church
(Nevis Way, Elizabeth Estates)
Under The Theme:
Transformed Through Thanksgiving!
Saturday November 26, 2016
8am to 6pm
Join Us For Four Dynamically Transformational Services:
Prayer Breakfast @ 8am
Sabbath School @ 9:15am
Divine Worship @ 11am
Super Lunch @ 1pm
Adventist Youth Hour @ 3:30pm
Vespers & Supper @ Sunset
Come, Be Filled & Transformed!

MEN'S MINISTRIES

The men of the South Bahamas Conference will hold services at the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, December 3, 2016 starting at 9:15 a.m. You are invited to share in the worship experience. -Pastor Nikita Thompson, Men's Ministries Coordinator

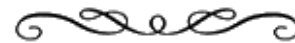
ADVENTIST MEN CONCERT

Under the distinguished patronage of Pastor Paul Scavella, The South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Men's Chorale proudly presents, *Go Tell It On The Mountain*, a night of glorious gospel singing. This event will take place at the St. Andrew's Kirk on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Special guest artistes include Sons of Our Father and The Messengers. Free refreshments will follow. Tickets are at a nominal cost and may be obtained from any member of the chorale. -Mr. Reginald Forbes, Director of Men's Chorale

CONGRATULATIONS

-Certified Diabetes Educators-

Congratulations to Dr. Idamae Hanna and Ms. Shandera Smith on successfully completing the Certified Diabetes Educator program. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director



YOUTH TIDBITS

Youth Ministries Calendar Dates

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming event from the Youth Ministries Department.

April 11 - 16, 2017: Inter-American Division Pathfinder Camporee, Dominican Republic, Application forms are available at <http://www.southbahamasconference.org/youth.php>. -Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director

-Meeting for Pathfinders and Officers-

There will be a meeting on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church for ALL Pathfinders and Officers travelling to the Pathfinder Camporee 2017 in Dominican Republic. It is imperative for **everyone** to be in attendance in order to get additional information on the trip. Pathfinders who still want to attend may submit application form along with fee to the Conference **immediately**.

-Voices in Harmony-

Voices in Harmony will be in concert this Sabbath at 4:30 p.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church. A love offering will be taken to aid the upcoming Pathfinder Camporee trip to the Dominican Republic. Refreshments will also be on sale after sunset. Come out and support our young people. -Mrs. Joan Rahming, Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church

CHAM NOTES

BIG CHAM SOCIAL!

The Children and Adolescent Ministries Department of the South Bahamas Conference will hold a grand social at the H. D. Colburn Gymnasium on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 7:30 – 11:00

p.m. Entry and food will be free! Refreshments will be provided for all persons from ages 0 - 14. Parents who wish to assist their Cham leader, assistant Cham leader, and lower division leaders are most welcome. See your local Cham leader or call 457-0222 to indicate your willingness to assist.

Kindly note that November 28 - December 3

is CHAM Stewardship Week. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director



**SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
DECEMBER 3, 2016 AT 5:19 P.M.**

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<http://southbahamasconference.org>

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Have a blessed Sabbath!

