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“Year of The Pastor”

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HOW IS MY RELATIONSHIP?



As I sat to write this article and listened to a gospel station, the first song I heard was “I will trust in the name of the Lord, Lord I’ll trust in you” by Fred Hammond. Friends, there was an almost involuntary (but voluntary at the same time) smile that took over my face, that touched my soul. Yes, that was a soul smile! The words of that song were not just comforting in the moment, but I smiled because I have experienced those words so many times over and can testify, that truly in the name of the Lord, I can trust!

A cat and my niece, Amelia who was about four years old at the time, taught me that irrefutable lesson.

Amelia was terrified of our pet cat and one day, apparently, this reaction to the cat finally got to my father.

Grandpa: (Standing beside the cat) Amelia, come here.

Amelia: Coming grandpa. (Sees grandpa beside the cat and starts to cry)

Grandpa: Amelia, who am I to you?

Amelia: You are grandpa

Grandpa: Now you know grandpa loves you and won’t let anything hurt you, right?

Amelia: (Still crying, but not as much) Yes grandpa

Grandpa: Now I need you to believe me when I say the cat will not harm you, so you don’t need to be afraid it. (He hugs her and returns to what he was doing)

My friends, within minutes of the conversation, we heard Amelia running through the house, screaming “Grandpa, Grandpa!” To our amazement, she had the cat wrapped up in her arms! When she found grandpa, she said “See grandpa, I’m not afraid anymore”.

This experience reminded everyone in the house of what love, faith and trust look like. Matthew 18:3 says, “And he said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven’”.

My topic asks the question, *how is my relationship?* Well, the answer is, I am a child calling the triune God, my Friend. A child’s trust is amazing and I get to witness this daily. As a teacher, I watch their behavior and at one point I started to envy their ignorance, selflessness, forgiving disposition, their truthfulness and how without questioning they believe so easily in the one’s they love. I found myself yearning for such qualities and didn’t know how to get it, so I decided to pray about it (honestly, I still felt like I wouldn’t have received an answer) but to my surprise I did, and God said to me, “Change the way you see Me. I am not only your Sovereign Lord, but I am Friend, Confidante, Counselor, your Fashion Consultant, your Laughing Partner, and your Travelling Enthusiast”. I created you, so I know you and know how best to communicate with you. I want to spend time with you, so the quicker you see me as more than a God who just

has laws but no grace, how can you become like a trusting child? How can we ever have a relationship?”

I opened my eyes from that prayer and from that day to this, I have exercised a child-like trust, faith and friendship with God. I strive to maintain this relationship with Him every day. God has become so much more to me! The question now is, “How is your relationship?” - Ms. Kenisha Hanson, Teacher; Progress Academy

ATCU TO HOLD FIFTH SYMPOSIUM

The Atlantic Caribbean Union will hold their fifth symposium (Joint Service) at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Plan to celebrate with our union. -Administration

DR. TREVOR GARDNER VISITS THE SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE

Dr. Trevor Gardner, president of Northern Caribbean University is the guest presenter at three of our churches today (Sabbath, May 23, 2015). He will make presentations at the Grant’s Town, Johnson Park and New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Churches at 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. respectively. All alumni, students, parents, and members are urged to attend the *Greet And Meet* at 6:00 p.m. at the New Providence Church. -Office of Education

ADVENTIST MEDIA OPEN HOUSE

Adventist Media Open House will be held at the South Bahamas Conference grounds on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. - until. Visit the conference office and experience the media ministry first hand. Adventist businesspersons are encouraged to share in this event. It is going to be an exciting time in our conference! For additional information, kindly contact Sister Patrice Williams-Gordon at 341 4021. -Administration

MOSS TOWN WOMEN’S MINISTRIES COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Women’s Ministries Department of the Moss Town Seventh-day Adventist Church in Exuma garnered the support of the Men, Children & Adolescent Ministries to take part in a community outreach project on Sabbath, May 2. The exuberant church members knocked on almost every door and received a warm reception from the residents. The multi-purpose community walk-about was to remind residents that the Seventh-day Adventist Church in their community loves them and wants to impact their lives. Additionally, residents were given a short questionnaire so that the church could ascertain their needs and see how best to respond to those needs. Furthermore, residents were given copies of the book, *Health and Hope*.

The mothers of the church opted not to celebrate Mother’s Day in the traditional way. Instead, they decided to serve the people in the community. Members of the community joined them on Sabbath for a day of worship and fellowship. Dr. Deval Rolle was the speaker for the day and the guest soloist was Nurse Gina Ferguson. At the end of the service the visitors joined the members in a fellowship meal. The response from the community was encouraging and a resident has committed to worshipping at the Seventh-day Adventist Church every week.

Congratulations to this great effort under the leadership of Sis. Denise Curtis and her team, along with the other ministries who partnered with them. -Mrs. Denise Curtis, Women’s Ministries Leader

IT’S CAMP MEETING TIME AGAIN!

South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
June 17 - 20, 2015
CAMP MEETING
Pastor Calvin Watkins
Speaker
South Atlantic Conference
Pastor & Mrs. Lee
South West Region Conference
HILLVIEW SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Tonique Williams Darling Highway
WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY, - 7:15 P.M.
SATURDAY - 9:15 A.M.
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WORKSHOP PRESENTERS
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FAMILY MINISTRIES

Attend the *SINGLE AND GIFTED* seminar hosted by the Family Ministries Department of our conference. The seminar started on May 21, 2015 and will conclude on May 28, 2015 at the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church located on Fifth Terrace, Centreville at 7 o’clock nightly. The key text is Romans 8:31. The objectives for the seminar are: 1. To bring like-minded singles together for spiritual, social, physical and intellectual empowerment by sharing and receiving information. 2. To provide activities that bring singles together for self-understanding and meeting needs. 3. To point out opportunities for singles to use their gifts for God’s service. 4. To provide a forum to address the struggles that singles wrestle with inside and outside the church. **SINGLES, COME AND MINGLE!** -Pastor Peter Joseph, Family Ministries Director

SABBATH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL MINISTRIES MEETING

All Sabbath School and Personal Ministries leaders are asked to attend a very important meeting with Pastors Lynden Williams and Asha-Dane Duncan at the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church, on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

*The first quarter’s reports are overdue and you are asked to kindly turn them into the conference as soon as possible. -Pastor Lynden Williams, SSPM Director

FIRST HISPANIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

The first Hispanic Health Conference began on Sunday, May 17, 2015 and will conclude on Sabbath, May 30, 2015. The conference is held at La Senda de La Vida on Wulff Road, Old Bahamas Academy at 7 o’clock nightly except Mondays and Thursdays. Each session will convene for one hour. The guest speaker is Dr. Anibal Alfonso, a Cardiologist and Intensive Therapy Specialist from Cuba. Invite your Hispanic friends to participate and live longer.

For more information, kindly visit the following website:
<http://lasendadelavida.interamerica.org/>
- Pastor Jamal Franklyn, La Senda de La Vida

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Pretty Purse

Pretty Purse, a Women's Ministries program, is now airing on SBC 88.3 FM on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. This program gives tips, with a spiritual application, on practical items found in a lady's purse. Ladies, please tune in and get the boost you need to take you through the day. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

Care Package Distribution Schedule

Below is the schedule for the distribution of care packages:

May 30th, 2015 - New Providence & Real Harvest
June 13th, 2015 - Hillview, La Senda, & Johnson Road & All Family Island Churches
June 27th, 2015 - Centerville & Message of Hope
July 18th, 2015 - Berea & Breath of Life
September 12th, 2015 - New Englerston, Francophone, & Parkgate
September 26th, 2015 - Maranatha & Redemption
October 3rd, 2015 - Grants Town & Adelaide
October 17th, 2015 - Good News & Bethel
October 31st, 2015 - Johnson Park, Gambier, & Peardale
November 14th, 2015 - Living Faith & Agape
November 28th, 2015 - Philadelphia & Ebenezer
December 12th, 2015 - All Family Islands Churches
December 19th, 2015 - All New Providence Churches

FAMILIES ALIVE MONTH

You are invited to join the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church members in May as their Family Ministries Department presents "FAMILIES ALIVE" **Sabbath morning, May 23:** - Barrington Brennen "Biblical Principles of Spicy Relationships" **Sabbath Afternoon** - Guest Speaker, Dr. Sandra Dean-Patterson, Child Psychologist on the topic "Domestic Violence and You"

A very short docudrama on abuse will also be shown entitled "Full Circle"

Sabbath morning, May 30: - Barrington Brennen "What I Like About Teenagers... those stubborn children of ours." **Sabbath Afternoon** - Speaker, Barrington Brennen on the topic: "Dating and the Foolishness of Abstinence - Grant's Town Family Ministries Department"

CHOIR REHEARSAL

FOR ATCU SYMPOSIUM

The crusade choir will meet at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church today (Saturday, May 23) at 4:00 p.m. to practice for the ATCU Symposium that will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJUSTMENT IN CHOIR REHEARSAL

For next week, our regular rehearsal will be on Monday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grant's Town Church. Sunday rehearsals will continue at the Grant's Town Church on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. -*Mr. Nelson Bain, Coordinator*

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for May 24 - 30, 2015 is: **The Need for Full Surrender.** -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator*

SUMMER FEATURE

Is your child/young adult graduating this summer? Send a brief article (50 words) and an electronic photograph of your child/young adult to the Logos editor at jscavella@sbcadventist.com by June 1, 2015. The articles will be published in the Logos from June 13 - August 15, 2015. There is limited space! -*Editor*

HEALTH MINISTRIES MONTHLY MEETING

Health directors and Adventist health professionals' monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the South Bahamas Conference Office. -*Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CARE PACKAGE LAUNCH

It was with great delight and excitement that the Women's Ministries ladies of the Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church gathered in the parking lot of the Princess Margaret Hospital for the purpose of ministry. Dressed in our lavender and purple Women's Ministries t-shirts, we armed ourselves with the Holy Spirit through prayer. Joining us were the Women's Ministries Directors of the South Bahamas Conference, Sis. Jacqueline Gibson, Sis. Denise Johnson, of the Atlantic Caribbean Union Mission and Sister Cheryl from the Living Faith Church.

They each took several care packages in hand ready to share love with whom they came in contact. Each package was labeled with the Church's phone contact and stuffed with a few cosmetic items and a magazine. The ladies divided themselves into three groups and covered six wards, inclusive of the nurses, distributing over 70 care packages. The ladies were so energetic as they greeted patients, their family members and friends. It was my delight to see ladies, otherwise shy, venture out to pray with patients and spend more time with those who obviously had no visitors.

Thank God for His Holy Spirit's power! Thank God for this opportunity to serve. Kudos to the women of Bethany under the leadership of Sis. Dillette Brown-Miller.

The next distribution is on May 30th with the Real Harvest and New Providence churches. -*Ms. Dillette Miller, Women's Ministries Leader; Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church*

BETHANY FAMILY MINISTRIES

The Bethany Family Ministries presents, The Songs of Solomon Soiree - (a Married Couple's Club Event) on Saturday evening, May 30, 2015 at A Stone's Throw Away, Tropical Garden, of West Bay Street. All married couples are invited. For details, call 636 0605, 361 8311, or 357 5763. -*Pastor E. D. Clarke, Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church*

SAVE THE DATE

A conference-wide all-night prayer meeting will be held at the New Providence Church on Saturday night, June 6, 2015 starting at 9 o'clock. We encourage all members to join in the prayer feast. -*Ms. Kim Scavella, Prayer Team*

PARKATE SDA CHURCH

PROMOTES HEALTH: LIVE LONGER!

Join us today (Sabbath, May 23, 2015) for an informative Divine Service starting at 10:45 a.m. under the theme: Live Longer...Live Better! Dr. Joseph Evans and Dr. Madeline Sawyer will be our invited health experts for the morning. -*Dr. Floyd Carter, Health Ministries Department; Parkgate Seventh-day Adventist Church*

BEREA 32 YEARS AND GROWING

Berea celebrates 32 years under the theme, "Pressing Forward, United in Faith".

Upcoming events are:

May 23 - Homecoming Sabbath;
May 29 - Thanksgiving Vespers: "Still Have Joy";
May 30 - Super Sabbath Celebration;
May 31 - Fun Walk, Run, Push-a-thon at 6:30 a.m. Concert at 6:30 p.m. Join us! The celebrations won't be complete without you. -*Mrs. Karen Scavella, Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church*

DETAILS ON BEREAS FUN, WALK, RUN

Celebrate Berea's 32nd Anniversary with a fun run/walk and push-a-thon on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 6:30 a.m.

Route: Starting at the church on Baillou Road South heading north on Baillou Hill Road to the roundabout at Robinson Road, turn around and head south, back to the church. There will be prizes and surprises, free healthy breakfast, fruit, water, and health screenings available. -*Monique Mitchell, Health Director; Berea*

5K FUN RUN WALK SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

The 5K Fun Run Walk will be held in San Antonio, Texas on Sunday, July 5, 2015 at 5:00 a.m. All persons traveling to San Antonio Texas for General Conference who are interested in participating in 5k (3.1 miles) may register at: www.RunSignUp.com/GCsession5K_SignUp <http://www.runsignup.com/GCsession5K_SignUp>

OR

Contact the Health Director, Nathelyn LaCroix at lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com or 323-0610.

The deadline for registration is Sunday, May 31, 2015. A small fee is involved for the T-shirt. Only pre-registered people will be able to participate.

NURSES' EVENING VESPERS

All Seventh-day Adventist nurses are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Sabbath Evening Vespers on Saturday May 30, 2015 at 6:00 - 7:20 p.m. at the Centerville Seventh-day Adventist Church House. Don't miss it! -*Rebecca Johnson, Nurse Liaison Officer*

VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS

The Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church will host a vegetarian cooking class on Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at their church located on K D Albury Lane in Westridge. There will be prizes and surprises. -*Ms. Dillette Miller, Bethany Church*

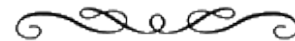
TEA PARTY POSTPONED

The Hillview Women's Ministries Department wishes to announce that the tea party planned for Sunday, May 24, 2015 has been postponed to a later date. -*Ms. Domica Davis, Leader; Hillview Women's Ministries Department*

IN SYMPATHY

The South Bahamas Conference mourns with the Morris family on the passing of their loved one, Ms. Shawnalee Morris. We pray that the abiding love and presence of God will soothe their wounded hearts. We are praying for the family. The funeral service will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Shawnalee was the daughter of Mrs. Mary Morris, an active member of the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church. -*Administration*



YOUTH TIDBITS

Sunday, May 24, 2015 at Hillview Church

6:00 a.m. - Master Guide Training

6:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study

Youth Announcements

1. Sports Open Gym is tonight, May 23, at 8:00 p.m. at the H.D. Colburn Gymnasium, Wulff Road. Bring your friends and family and come have lots of fun!

2. All youth, Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders are invited to a special worship on Sunday, May 24, 2015 at Harold and Wilson Pond off Sir Milo Butler Highway at 7:00 a.m.

3. The Conference-wide Volleyball Jamboree begins May 30, 2015 at 8:30 p.m. at the H. D. Colburn Gymnasium.

4. All youth are invited to be out in full force at Camp Meeting 2015!

There will be a special convocation for the youth on Thursday, June 18, 2015. Be sure to invite a friend! -*Ms. Felecia Datus*

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Website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>
Have a Blessed and Wonderful Sabbath!

