

# THE LOGOS



Christ, Our Only Hope

“Lord Transform Me”

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## The Shifting Tide of Fatherhood

*“Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds. . . . Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the Lord swore to give your forefathers” (Deut. 11:18-21).*



One of the greatest joys a man can have is to hold his newborn child in his hands for the first time. Gazing into his baby’s precious eyes, holding its little wrinkled hands with a finger, or listening to the sweet sound of its whimpering cries. It’s one of the most rewarding—and scary—experiences one can have.

With the euphoria of the moment comes an automatic weight on the shoulder of many fathers. Almost instantaneously comes a sense of overwhelming responsibility. We realize in that miracle moment that we are now responsible for a life that at that time can do nothing to protect itself, express its feelings, or care for its basic needs. In an instant, the parent becomes protectors, advocates, and providers for their children.

### Not Your Father’s Father

Fatherhood over the past four decades has changed significantly. The role played by fathers in family life has undergone seismic shifts that can be tied to a variety of influences. Some of the changes are because of cultural trends, economic factors, historical events, and gender-equality movements. Cultural shifts have moved the role of fathers in the family from an authority figure concerned about breadwinning, control, discipline, power, and value creation, to a more supportive, emotionally engaged posture. The feminist movement of the 1970s and 1980s, which pushed for more gender equality, introduced into the equation relational consequences for fathers who would not engage in child-rearing activities.

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Economic factors have played a key role in the shifting of fatherhood, as more women since the 1960s have entered the workforce.

Increasingly men are looking for ways to be better fathers, and to equip themselves to guide their children through a changing culture effectively.

*So how can a father be a better dad in this shifting culture?*

### Be Present

Single-parent homes represent a growing epidemic in North America and around the world. Children whose fathers are around, living at home, have been shown to have less behavioral and substance abuse problems, and greater levels of autonomy and confidence. The impact of missing fathers has ramifications for economic stability, school achievement, substance abuse, physical and emotional health, crime, and sexual activity.

*Our children need us: they need us to be present, to be engaged emotionally, spiritually, and physically.*

### Be Involved

There’s a big difference between being there and being “with” your children. We have to interact directly with our children; we cannot be so passive that opportunities to play, learn from them, and emotionally connect with them pass by.

**Accessibility.** Make sure your children can express issues that are important to them, that you are open to meaningful conversations about their day, their friends, their challenges, and their relationships. If parents do not make themselves accessible to their children, not just with time but with nonjudgmental listening, our children will find someone else to talk to.

**Responsibility.** Provide children with the resources they need to be successful.

### Build Trust

We are great at providing physical needs, recreational needs, and spiritual needs, but our children have emotional needs as well.

### Love Through the Ages

Our job is to help build confidence, to instill a sense of esteem, resilience, and courage to face a world that is often unimpressed with our children’s best efforts. That can be done only with encouragement, unconditional love, and support. “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).

### Man, What a Man!

As fathers, we have the important task of being leaders, priests in the home. It is our responsibility to do our best and give all we can to help our children succeed in this changing world. Our children need us: they need us to be present, to be engaged emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

As the paradigm of fatherhood continues to shift and fathers’ roles expand, we do well to remember Ellen White’s statement: “The world is not so much in need of great minds as of good men who will be a blessing in their homes.”

-- David Defoe, Licensed Clinical Counselor and Family Life Educator, Lead Pastor -New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Excerpt from *Adventist Review* - MAY 31, 2016 Edition.



## CONFERENCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### JUNE

- 1-3: III Family Island Youth Congress & ACLASS (San Salvador)
- 1: Mission Transform 242: Local church AY visit & pray at a police station
- 10: LABOUR DAY
- 7 - 9: SBC Youth Retreat
- 7 - 9: CHAM Retreat
- 8: Women Ministries & GEMS Emphasis
- 8: Stewardship Emphasis Day
- 9: Pathfinder Club Evaluations
- 10: WHIT MONDAY
- 14: Bahamas Academy Secondary Baccalaureate Service
- 17: Bahamas Academy Elementary/Early Learning Center Graduation (a.m.)
- 17: Bahamas Academy Secondary

- Graduation (p.m.)
- 21-23: BC Pathfinder Camporee
- 27: SBC Executive Committee Meeting
- 28: RENEW (Launch of SBC Ministerial Magazine)
- 29: SBC Conference Bible Experience (Finals) Joint Service
- 29: Youth Basketball Championships

### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

All Elders, Church Clerks and assistants are asked to attend a special meeting at the Grant’s Town Church on Sunday June 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Please be on time. Family Island Elders and Church Clerks will be related to through the district Pastors. --Pastor Leonardo Rahming, Executive Secretary.



### ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE 2019 Reaping Campaigns in ATCU

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, June 16 – June 22, 2019 is: *Solution to Marital Problems.*



### ADVENTIST LAYMEN’S & SERVICES INDUSTRIES/ASI IAD - ASI CONVENTION

The ASI Convention for the Inter-American Division will be an unforgettable experience. Register now with your local ASI leader/representative at your church. Convention begins August 21 - 24, 2019 at the Atlantis, Paradise Island. Persons from throughout the Inter-American Division will be there. You must plan now to be there too. Registration is ongoing. --Ms. Shandera Smith, Executive Secretary, A.S.I.



### COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Adventist Community Services of our Conference along with the organizing committee would like to thank all those who supported the recent Disaster Preparedness & Relief Fair. Funds raised will be allotted for assistance in the time of a disaster. --Pastor Valentino Campbell, Community Services Coordinator.



### COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT Adventist Spotlight will be recording at:

- the Bethel Church today (June 15<sup>th</sup>) with Speaker, Pastor Larry Green.
  - July 6 - Pastor Alvarico Moss (New Providence Church)
  - August 3 - Pastor Danhugh Gordon (Johnson Park Church)
- \*All Pastors are asked to indicate their availability.  
--Mr. Harold Dorsett, Television Coordinator-SBC Media Network.



### CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The C.H.A.M Department extends a thank you to all parents of children who attended the Retreat held on June 7-9, 2019 at the Adventure Learning Center Campgrounds. Thank you, C.H.A.M leaders, guest speakers and medical personnel (from the Adventist Health Professionals Association) for your continued support as we work together in the wholistic development of our children.

**VACATION BIBLE XPERIENCE  
SCHEDULE  
IN JAMII KINGDOM**

**July 1 - 5, 2019**

Good News Church - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Maranatha Church - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Philadelphia Church - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Ephesus Church - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**July 1 - 12, 2019**

Grant's Town Church - 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Hillview Church - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**July 7 - 13, 2019**

Breath of Life Church

--Mrs. Lavern Sturup, C.H.A.M Director.



**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
OPENINGS AT BAHAMAS  
ACADEMY**

Bahamas Academy is accepting applications for the following positions:

**Grades 7 - 9**

Mathematics, Technical Drawing, General Science, English Literature, English Language, Social Studies

**Grades 10 - 12**

Accounts, Commerce, Biology, Combined Science, Physics, Chemistry

Applicants should possess at least a bachelor's degree in the subject area and have a Teacher's Certificate. Teaching experience would be an asset.

Applications can be emailed to [aburrows@sbcadventist.org.bs](mailto:aburrows@sbcadventist.org.bs) or sent to the following address:

**The Office of Education**

**South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

**P. O. Box N-356**

**Nassau Bahamas**

**AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Education Department of the South Bahamas Conference is looking for persons in grades 11 and 12 who are interested in studying teacher education. Interested persons may contact the office of education at their earliest convenience. --Elder Anthony Burrows, Education Director.



**HEALTH MINISTRIES  
DEPARTMENT  
NATIONAL HEALTH  
INSURANCE (NHI)**

We are encouraging all members to register for the National Health Insurance. For further information call **396-8500** or <https://www.nhibahamas.gov.bs> --Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director.



**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES  
DEPARTMENT**

**Second Quarter**

**"WE" (Women Empowerment) - Q2 Forecast:**

**June 2019**

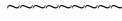
19 - SBC GEMS Council Outreach -  
Willamae Pratt Home for Girls

**Save the Date!**

Under the theme, "In Christ", the Turks & Caicos Conference will be hosting the Atlantic Caribbean Union's Retreat. This amazing retreat will convene at East Bay Resort, South Caicos on November 1-3, 2019 with guest speaker, Janice Johnson-Browne. Kindly see your local leader for further details. Please also note there will be no registration forms accepted after August 31, 2019.

**Special Note**

Please be reminded that the deadline for the registration fee and shirt sizes for the ATCU Retreat being held in South Caicos is due by June 30, 2019. Registration forms can be collected at the SBC Office from Mrs. Brooks and payments made to Mr. Dwight Brown. Please see your local Women's Ministries Leader for any further information.



**DONATION REQUEST  
Used, But In**

**Good Condition Devotionals**

Kindly donate to your local Women's Ministries Leader for distribution during our community out-reach projects this year. --Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director.



**YOUTH DEPARTMENT TIDBITS**

**YOUTH MONTH: JULY**

**LAUNCH: HILLVIEW CHURCH - FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019 @ 7:30 PM**

**SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

**Basketball Jamboree:**

Saturday night, June 22, 2019 Time: TBA

**Adventist Basketball League 2019:**

Every Saturday Night: July 6, 13, 20, 27  
Time: TBA

Teams are asked to register at Conference Office.

**Adventist Track & Field Olympics 2019**

Sunday, August 4, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.

T.A.R. (Former National Track & Field Stadium)

**Adventist Youth Awards 2019:**

**Date:** Sunday, July 28, 2019 Time: TBA

**Venue:** Super Clubs Breezes Resort & Spa

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE!**

--Pastor Jamal Franklyn, Youth Director.



**PRAYER MINISTRIES**

All members are invited to participate in all of our joint prayer meetings for the reminder of the year. Please note that each service will be held at 6 o'clock in the morning with the exception of July which will be from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

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| July      | Centerville    |
| August    | Good News      |
| September | Redemption     |
| October   | Ephesus        |
| November  | Grant's Town   |
| December  | New Providence |

November 3-8, 2019 - *Week of Prayer* Early Morning Joint Meetings at 5 a.m. each morning at the Grant's Town.



**March 13 -15, 2020** - Prayer Conference will be held. I am asking all members to start preparing for this awesome experience. Our guest will be Pastor Pavel Gora- Ministry Magazine Editor. You will not want to miss this. --Pastor Leonardo Rahming, Prayer Coordinator



**PERSONAL MINISTRIES  
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE  
SITES FOR REVIVING THE SPIRIT OF  
SERVICE CAMPAIGN  
AUGUST 10-17, 2019**

It's time to revive the spirit of service. Get involved in your sites. The method is PEOPLE

TO PEOPLE. Jesus said go into all the world. People reach people.

1. Centerville and New Haven
2. Peardale, Ephesus, Agape, Message of Hope
3. La Senda de la Vida
4. New Englerston and Living Faith
5. Grant's Town and Johnson Park
6. New Providence and Real Harvest
7. Maranatha, Philadelphia and Redemption
8. Bethel, Francophone, Ebenezer
9. Hillview, Bethany, Adelaide, Gambier
10. Good News, Berea, Breath of Life



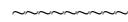
**CENTREVILLE CHURCH  
THE PRAYER SATURATED CHURCH**

**SEMINAR** - July 7, 2019 - 9 a.m. -12 noon at the Centerville Church. You are invited to this special forum which will impact your personal and corporate prayer life. The Seminar will also feature the Launch of "**10 Prayers of Faith For Tough Times**" - Author: Paul A. Scavella. Free Registration at [ctvprayerministry@gmail.com](mailto:ctvprayerministry@gmail.com) or call Elder David Knowles at 601-413/425-11911 or Elder Roger Rolle at 558-0030. --Centerville Prayer and Personal Ministries Departments.



**BAHAMAS ACADEMY  
ENTRANCE EXAM**

Bahamas Academy's entrance exam will be held on Wednesday June 19, 2019. Students seeking entry into grades 1- 6 should report to the examination room from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and students seeking entry into grades 7-10 should report to the examination room from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the school located on #73 Marshall Rd. Applications are available at the school or online at [www.bahamasacademy.org](http://www.bahamasacademy.org)



**GRADUATION EXERCISES**

Bahamas Academy will hold its Graduation Exercises on Monday June 17, 2019 at Loyola Hall on Gladstone Road. The Early Learning Center and Elementary divisions' program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Secondary division will begin its program at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to share in this grand occasion as we celebrate with our graduates. --Administration.



**LIVING FAITH AND CENTREVILLE  
CHURCHES**

The Adventist Youth department of our churches will be hosting a Sex Education Series, beginning June 15 to July 20, 2019 at the Living Faith Church. You are invited to join in the discussions on a variety of related topics every Saturday (during this period) at 5:30p.m. Come for the Real Talk, Exciting Activities and more!



**Please Email Weekly Announcements  
To: [sbclogos@gmail.com](mailto:sbclogos@gmail.com)  
By Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.  
Visit the Conference website:  
<http://southbahamasconference.org>**



**CALL 341-4021  
SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH  
June 22, 2019 AT 8:02P.M.**