



“Celebrating New Disciples”



Can you recall when you became a New Disciple in Christ? It was a time of rejoicing both in heaven and on earth according to Luke 15: 7 (KJV) *“I say unto you, likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance”*.

Heaven had a party just for you and on earth, well, let’s say a few showed up and said “congratulations” or “welcome to the family of God.” Maybe you were invited to a member’s home for Sabbath lunch, or you participated in a fellowship meal. One thing is for sure, new members should know that beginning a new chapter with Jesus Christ as Lord is something worth celebrating. The Heavenly host acknowledges that another person was called out of darkness to be connected to Jesus Christ through the engaging power of the Holy Spirit?

So, here are two things we can do to celebrate new members:

Care and Nurture New Disciples

Let people know how much you genuinely care about them. Theodore Roosevelt said - ‘People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.’ It is a simple statement, but this defines the ministry of Jesus while He was on earth. Jesus was omniscient (all-knowing) but his focus was not limited to teaching. His ministry included feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and fellowshiping with those who needed God. Luke 15:1-2. To connect we must be intentional in spending quality time to build relationships and we must do what is necessary to accomplish this goal. Cord Himelstein said, “We all inherently understand what a “genuine” connection with another human being is – it’s a relationship based on trust and mutual respect.” As genuine relationships grow among members of the

church, people will see how much we care, and they will stay with the church, and this will allow them to be nurtured by the word of God.

Engage our New Disciples

Another way to celebrate new disciples is to acknowledge and embrace their gifts and talents. A person will feel celebrated when they are allowed to participate and become a blessing to the church. New disciples ought to be engaged because this lets them know that there is a contribution for them to make and that their contribution will be welcomed. “When Jesus called the Apostles to spread the gospel, every person had a role - Engagement is about the church calling, equipping, supporting, and charging its members to do the work of the ministry” (Ryan Nelson).

If a new disciple is not ready to share before the entire congregation, small group ministries are a wonderful place to prepare them. Ellen White admonishes us to approach new converts with these words.

“Those who have newly come to the faith should be patiently and tenderly dealt with, and it is the duty of the older members of the church to devise ways and means to provide help, sympathy, and instruction...”

These newly converted ones need nursing - watchful attention, help, and encouragement. These should not be left alone, or they will become prey to Satan’s most powerful temptations. They need to be educated regarding their duties, to be kindly dealt with, to be led along and to be visited and prayed with.” (Evangelism, p351)

This article was written by Elder Kevin S. Sterling, Head Elder / Pathfinder director at the Good News Seventh-day Adventist church.



FROM THE EDITOR

Are you interested in writing the lead article for the Logos?



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021 APRIL

- 8-10 Choir Director’s Workshop (proposed)
- 9-11 ATCU Pathfinder Camporee
- 10 IAD Online AY
- 10 Celebration of New Disciples
- 11 Adventist Men Breakfast
- 17 Possibilities Ministries Sabbath (Special Needs Sabbath) Joint
- 17 Afternoon Missionary Book Distribution
- 18 Spirit of Prophecy Book Distribution
- 22 Executive Committee Meeting
- 23-25 Youth Mission Congress #YMC (Family Island)
- 24 Park ‘N’ Praise (Joint AY)
- 24 Baptism Day (Sabbath School)
- 25 Operation Jabez 4
- 25 ATCU Health Promoters Certification Course



BIBLE STUDY & SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Bible Class will be held on Sunday April 11, 2021 at 6:30p.m.
Topic: “Different than all others: Unique perspectives from the Gospel of John”

Part 1 of 4.

Meeting ID: 915 5872 2673

Passcode: 592256

--Lynden Williams, Pastor, Bible Studies & Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator.



CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT UPCOMING VBS TRAINING

Our virtual VBS this year will be even more exciting than last year. We are encouraging C.H.A.M leaders, assistants, VBS leaders and other personnel in the department to attend the training session on Thursday April 15, 2021 at 7:00p.m. You are asked to see the Conference website for the link to register or copy the URL below.

https://nadadventist.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LnB0SomlTW-RHatEQddV6g

Registration is to be done in advance of the training and after registering from this link, you will receive personalized access to the training session. **See you at Cactusville!**

--Mrs. Lavern A. Sturup, Children & Adolescent Ministries Director.

HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

8 Weeks to Wellness Graduation

Over the course of the last 7 weeks, individuals participated and adopted 10 healthy challenges each week that would enhance their overall health. These challenges include choosing a healthy lifestyle, have a healthy breakfast and lunch, and a light supper, avoid alcohol, sodas, sweet drinks and fast foods, learn to manage stress, leave cigarettes and illegal drugs alone, eat at least 5 fruits and vegetables per day, no less than 8 glasses of water each day, get 8-9 hours of rest each day, exercise every day, set limits on the amount and time you eat. Guest presenters and coaches were on hand to guide individuals into embracing these healthy habits and encouraging them not only once per week but ongoing through the social media apps and other electronic platforms.

An invitation is extended to all to be a part of 8 Weeks to Wellness 2021 Graduation on Monday, April 12 at 6:00p.m. via Zoom @ Meeting ID: 992 3144 6702 Passcode: 066428

Our guest speaker is Dr. Sanita Belgrave, Family Medicine Specialist.

8 Weeks to Wellness Virtual Fun Run/Walk

Thank you to all persons who participated in this virtual event on Easter Monday. Continue to move at least 150 minutes per week.

Health Promoters Certification

All persons enrolled in the Health Promoters Certification are asked to contact Nathelyn LaCroix at 826-8486(WhatsApp only please) or by email at lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com regarding practical assignments and also include the proper spelling of your names.

Health Tips

Benefits of Physical Activity

We encourage you to do less sitting and keep moving. Physical activity has significant health benefits for hearts, bodies and minds. Physical activity contributes to preventing and managing noncommunicable diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer and diabetes. Physical activity reduces symptoms of depression and anxiety. Physical activity enhances thinking, learning, and judgment skills. Physical activity ensures healthy growth and development in young people. Physical activity improves overall well-being. Globally, 1 in 4 adults do not meet the global recommended levels of physical activity (150 minutes per week). Up to 5 million deaths a year could be averted if the global population was more active.

People who are insufficiently active have a 20% to 30% increased risk of death compared to people who are sufficiently active. More than 80% of the world's adolescent population is insufficiently physically active. *Resource: <https://www.who.int/news-room/factsheets/detail/physical-activity>*
-- Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director.



MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT

S.O.A.R 2021

Solutions to Obstacles Adventist Retreat is fast approaching and the dates are May 7-9.

This year the theme is **PREPARING FOR EFFECTIVE MINISTRY POST COVID-19**. Plan now to attend this exciting annual Summit and hear from an array of successful pastors, innovative church leaders, and trailblazers in the community on subjects such as: If It Is So Easy to Gather in A Virtual Space, Are Church Buildings Still Necessary? Leading the Congregation Out of The Crisis, Should We Take the Covid-19 Vaccine? Maximizing Your Pulpit, The Power of Small Group Ministries, Finding Your Niche Post Covid... and more.

The program will be transmitted on ZOOM, and registration opens this Monday via the South Bahamas Conference website. If you are not computer savvy, please submit your names to your Pastor, Head Elder, or Personal Ministries Leader at your local church. For more information, follow the weekly Logos Publication, the Adventist Page in the Nassau Guardian, or log onto southbahamasconference.org.

— T. Basil Sturup, Ministerial Secretary.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Women's Devotional

Need help composing your devotional? Not sure how to write your devotional? Need help proofing your devotional? Have no fear for we are here to help! Kindly email us at sbcwomensministries@sbcadventist.org.bs for confidential assistance in getting your transforming story on the pages of the book. Remember: Deadline is June 2021 for acceptance of submissions.

Upcoming W.M. Events

New Providence Church Women's Ministries

Sip, Dip & Play Game Night
April 17, 2021

"Ruth & Naomi" Outreach

April & May 2021

Please contact your local leader for details.

Inter-American Division Online Certification

"Spiritual Health"- Chosen & Loved
April 11th, 2021 @ 10:00a.m.

Webcast.interamerica.org

Wednesday Pause & Pray Special Edition

April 28th, 2021 – 12:00p.m.-12:30p.m.
Prayer Focus: Spiritual, Emotional/Mental & Physical Health
Zoom ID: 98113813577
Password: 094045

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If you have any questions, comments or suggestions or need additional information on any of our initiatives, kindly email us at SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org.bs

--Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director.



What We Believe

BELIEF 2:

What Seventh-day Adventists Believe About THE TRINITY.

There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three coeternal Persons. God is immortal, all powerful, all-knowing, above all, and ever present. He is infinite and beyond human comprehension, yet known through His self-revelation. God, who is love, is forever worthy of worship, adoration, and service by the whole creation.

References: Gen. 1:26; Deut. 6:4; Isa. 6:8; Matt. 28:19; John 3:16; 2 Cor. 1:21, 22; 13:14; Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2.

Find out more at

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Have a Happy Sabbath!