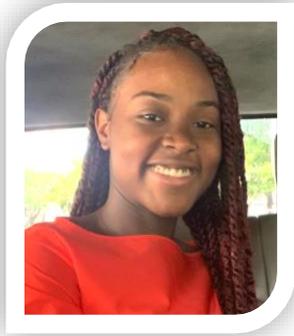




“Can God use me?”



Navigating life as a young adult and a Christian can be the biggest challenge that many of us will face.

Responsibilities and opportunities whether they be from school, work, or social interactions, are constantly at war with our main goal: Finding our purpose in life. At some point in our lives, many of us struggle with what we want our purpose to be. We might ask ourselves 'How can we positively contribute to our human existence?' My Advice: Don't stress, let go and let God.

I have come to realize that I don't have to be a social media influencer, professional athlete, spokeswoman, a medic in the middle of a war, or a neurosurgeon for God to use me. Yes, people like Desmond Doss and Ben Carson have inspired many because of the way that God has used them, but the fact is, their willingness allowed God to give them greatness. It is absolutely okay to have never written a bestselling book, nor graduate from an Ivy League school nor be the CEO of a company. These things are earthly accomplishments that make us look better in the eyes of others. However, if we check the records, it's usually the people you least expect that God uses the most!

Looking back at history, even the most accomplished have fallen short of their purpose. Abraham-the father of future nations, King David-God's chosen king, King Solomon-the wisest man on earth, are just some of the few important men who at some point, doubted God and went in the opposite direction from what God had planned for them. This just proves that accomplishments do not guarantee you success or true purpose in life. God uses inarticulate people like Moses to lead thousands out of slavery, or shepherds like David to defeat giants and become a king. It was because of their faith that God was able to show them their true purpose. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 discusses how God loves to change man's perspective by purposely choosing what the world considers to be weak to shame the powerful. Our first mistake is trying to create our (own) purpose when God wants to use us for something else.

To answer the question, Can God use me? Most definitely. His ability to use me is directly proportional to my willingness to be used. All I have to do is have faith and God will do the rest. Being a Christian and

a follower of Christ is not about earthly accomplishments. It's about having faith and answering God's call. I am not the type to walk around and hold a Bible study with everyone that passes by but I use the traits that God gave me- for one, my personality. My ability to communicate and learn more about others while sharing my personal experience has given me the opportunity to testify and tell others what God had done for me. I believe that the simple act of sharing God's influence on my life can be useful to someone. Despite my insecurities and faults, God's grace and mercy allow me to have a purpose. My ultimate goal is to let others see the work of God through me.

Everyone has a different use that is just as valuable. One may have a singing voice that brings crowds together or a passion and drive that can influence people to make life-changing decisions in one sitting. Whatever your purpose may be no matter how small, God can use it to invoke a big change. God made each of us in His image so our mere existence means that we have a purpose. No one is talentless or worthless because God himself gave us something to be worthy of. Only when we choose not to listen and follow the path that God has for us is when we turn away from our purpose. By strengthening our faith in God, we strengthen our purpose. God calls us when we are without faith so that we can strengthen our faith and believe in the purpose he has outlined for us.

A pastor from Minnesota by the name of Steven Lee says, "it's okay to be a nobody if in all you do you serve somebody". God used a little boy's lunch to feed thousands of people so I know for a fact that He can use me.

Article by Ms. Keturah Forbes, a member of the G.E.M.S (Girls Empowered for Ministry & Service) club at the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church.



FROM THE EDITOR

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



Please send an email to lsturruv@sbcadventist.org.bs.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

FEBRUARY

- 27 Park 'N' Praise (Joint AY)
- 28 ATCU Health Promoters Certification Course

MARCH

- 6 IWILLGO: "Drive Thru" Local Church SBC Adventuree (All Adventurers & Parents)

- Stewardship Day
- 6-8 Camp Kalaqua – Florida Conference
- 7 Digital Youth Evangelists Training Joint Prayer Meeting
- 11 "Let's Move to Live" (Launch)
- 13 Sabbath School Guest (Appreciation Sabbath)
- 14 Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses Mix and Mingle
- 20 Global Youth Day: Share (AM: Local Church) March and Rally (PM: Joint AY) Global Children's Day
- 21 CHAM Leaders Training Session
- 21-27 YOUTH MEGAFEST #YMF (Conference Wide Joint) Adventist Education Emphasis Sabbath (Promote Local Schools)
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting
- 27 Park 'N' Praise (Joint AY) Biblical Symposium & Spirit of Prophecy
- 28 ATCU Health Promoters Certification Course
- 29 Personnel Training/WORD SBC88.3FM 8 Weeks to Wellness Graduation



HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND Youth Department Park & Praise is TODAY!

At Bahamas Academy, Marshall Road Sabbath, February 27, at 4:00p.m. Featuring Spoken Word & Music! Join our youth as they minister to the community!

PLEASE NOTE:

Social Distance enforced! Masks Required! Stay in your car! Park & Praise is a joint outreach outdoor AY!

--Pastor Jamal Franklyn, Youth Director.



CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES / C.H.A.M DEPARTMENT

Thank You is extended to all C.H.A.M. leaders and personnel that participated in last week's Consecration Service. We also say a special thank you to our Conference Administration and the event's guest speaker, Pastor Terry Tanis, Executive Secretary, Turks n Caicos Islands Conference for his powerful words of encouragement and a charge for greater service.

It is now up to us to empower our children and teens for service to God and their communities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20, 2021 – Global Children's Day (individual churches)

March 21, 2021 – C.H.A.M. Leaders Online Ministry Training Session

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

**BAHAMAS ACADEMY OF
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION**

Bahamas Academy will hold its Entrance Examination on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at

the school located on Marshall Road from 1:00p.m to 3:00p.m. for students wishing to enter Grades 1 to 10.

Application forms are available at the School's Office or at the Conference Headquarters on Tonique Williams-Darling Highway. The application fee is fifty dollars (\$50.00). Application forms should be completed and returned to the school by Friday, February 26, 2021.

For further information, please call telephone number: 461-2100. --School Administration.



**BIBLE STUDY & SPIRIT OF
PROPHECY –
SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE**

Bible Class has been paused until February 28, 2021. All are invited to join in with two weeks of evangelism and Bible Study at the New Englerston Church.

Youtube: Englerston Adventist

Zoom: Meeting ID. 959 7340 8086

Password: **033162**

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



**COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT
NEW SHOWS - WORD SBC 88 3FM /
ADVENTIST TELEVISION 658**

Persons interested in submitting proposals for new shows to be aired in the new Season on **WORD SBC 88 3 FM** or **ATV658** can do so by emailing us at: **media1@sbcadventist.org.bs** or **call 341-4021. #I WILLGO**

Thanks to those who have already accepted the call to minister for Christ through media.

--Mrs. Lavern A. Sturup, Communication Director.



**HEALTH MINISTRIES
DEPARTMENT**

National Health Insurance

We are encouraging all of the membership within the South Bahamas Conference to enroll in the National Health Insurance (NHI) plan. This is a free service which will cover your doctors visits and lab works. Whether you have private health insurance or not please join NHI. It is very beneficial. Here is the link: <https://www.nhibahamas.gov.bs/registrationform/>.

8 Week To Wellness

8 Weeks to Wellness 2021 under the theme, Wellness – A Matter of Choice got off to a great start last week Monday, February 8th via Zoom. If you are interested in enrolling do so via the South Bahamas Conference website @ www.southbahamasconference.org or Whatsapp 826-8486.

Physical Activity (Exercise)

All persons interested in joining a group

for physical activity (exercise) support, please email, health@sbcadventist.org.bs. or WhatsApp 826-8486. No fees involved.

**Health Promoters Certification
Training**

All Health Leaders, Assistants and those with a passion for health are invited to be a part of the **Health Promoters Certification Training** being offered by ATCU. The programme will be held on Sundays once per month on the following dates; February 28, March 28 and April 25 between the hours of 3:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. To be awarded successful completion, all sessions **must** be attended. Please contact Sister Nathelyn LaCroix at email health@sbcadventist.org.bs or whatsapp 826-8486 for further details regarding registration.

-- Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director.



**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
DEPARTMENT
Women's Devotional**

Ladies, do you have a testimony that you wished you could share with the whole world? Maybe it's a scripture that means so much to you that you would like to share why. Do you have a story that you think would inspire your sisters in the faith? Well, here is your opportunity.

The Women's Ministries Department of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is pleased to announce the publishing of the first local Women's Devotional, and we are seeking your help in making this become a reality.

Each submission should range between 450 – 500 words, in totality, with a title and a scripture text. Please also note that you may use your name or a Pseudonym, whichever makes you more comfortable. All stories should be sent to **SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org.bs**.

As we embark on this journey together, we ask that you pray for the successful launch of this Devotional and that many lives will be enriched by its readers.

Entries are coming in and we want to ensure that a space is there for you, so please submit your contribution. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept any submissions after June 1, 2021.

Upcoming Events

"Ruth & Naomi" Outreach

Stay tuned for details.

**Inter-American Division
Online Certification**

"Spiritual Health"- Chosen & Loved

February 28th, 2021 @ 10:00am

Webcast.interamerica.org

**International Women's Day of Prayer –
March 6, 2021
Individual Churches**

**Wednesday Pause & Pray
Special Edition**

March 31st, 2021 – 12:00-12:30

Zoom ID: 98113813577

Password: 094045

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Kindly donate to your local Women's Ministries Leader for distribution during our community outreach projects this year.

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.



**YOUTH VOICE ANNOUNCEMENTS
2nd Annual Adventree 2021**

The SBC Youth Ministries presents
#BeStrong

A Virtual Adventurer Camporee.

Learn how to be Brave & Obedient, find Purpose & Salvation.

Registration Information:

February 2 - March 2, 2021 = \$5.00

Package: Pin, Patch & Art Kit

Register with your club director!

Global Youth Day 2021

Theme:

Reaching Out: Cultures! Colors!
Communities!

Date: March 20, 2021

Morning: Youth Projects in local churches & communities!

Evening: JOINT AY program featuring a Cultural Festival

To be a part of the GYD Cultural Festival Choir WhatsApp 427-1890

Venue: TBA

--Pastor Jamal Franklyn, Youth Director.



Please Email Weekly Announcements

To: **sbclogos@gmail.com**

Or **logos@sbcadventist.org.bs**

By Tuesday at 3:00p.m.

Visit the Conference website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>
for the Logos publication archives & the
ATV658 NEWS, as well as weekly
programming.



CALL 341-4021

**SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
March 6, 2021 @ 6:14p.m.**



Have a Happy Sabbath!