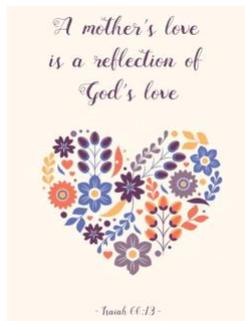




Mother's Day, a Time to Reflect



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CHURCH SAFETY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC & BEYOND *by Mr. Anthony Ryan.*



The Novel Coronavirus (**Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-COV-2)**) which causes **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**, has altered the course of the world. It has been said that its impact may be felt for years to come with regards to the way

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we do ministry, economically, the way we live our lives, and conduct our affairs. I have written several policies regarding the cleaning and disinfection of various buildings; homes, commercial, private sector, schools, etc., during this Pandemic. Moreover, I was also tasked with the cleaning, and disinfection of government buildings, public clinics, and schools in both New Providence and the family islands. However, when I was asked to write this article regarding church safety, I did not rely solely on my grasp of scientific knowledge, I immediately saw the need to seek God for help and guidance. After all the church is not just a building.

The first mention of the word church in the Bible is in Matthew 16:18, **“And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”** This passage of scripture gives us the absolute assurance that no virus or disease will ever prevail against it. Hebrews 10:24-25 highlights the importance of fellowshiping together as we get closer to the second coming of Jesus Christ, **24 “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”** So, let's strike a balance between these two scriptures as I share with you twelve practical approaches you may find useful as you enter the halls of the church:

Step#1: In all things give thanks to the almighty God. Fear can become paralyzing, but we ought to fear God as he is more powerful than any Novel Coronavirus.

Step#2: Trust that once you do all that is humanly possible that God will keep you safe from harm.

Step#3: Get Vaccinated. This will begin to help move the country to a position of normalcy in time.

Step#4: Protect yourself.

- Before entering the church, clean your hands with soap & water or hand sanitizer with a minimum of 60% alcohol content.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with others and observe the 6 feet social distancing when seated or interacting (families in the same home may congregate and be seated together).

Step#5: Protect others.

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Wear a face mask.
- Clean & disinfect surfaces often.

Step#6: Clean and disinfect surfaces notwithstanding that this constitutes a low risk for contracting the Coronavirus.

Step#7: Persons who have had close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more, engaged in physical contact, shared objects & frequently touched items, or if there was exposure to respiratory droplets) with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, should quarantine.

Step#8: Formulate a robust and consistent cleaning and disinfecting program.

Step#9: Ensure proper ventilation during church services, that is, proper air exchange between outside and inside air notwithstanding the use of any type of air conditioning systems (central or split-ductless units).

Step#10: Disinfect frequently touched items (e.g., podiums) and shared objects (e.g., microphones).

Step#11: Keep restrooms cleaned and disinfected.

Step#12: Regularly discard waste and keep garbage bins clean.

It is important to note that the science regarding the Coronavirus is evolving resulting in the emergence of new and oftentimes more relaxed protocols. I urge you to keep up on the latest breaking news from our very own Ministry of Health and online publications from credible sites such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Remember knowledge is power and the absence of knowledge is fear which can be crippling.

I hope that these practical approaches outlined help you and wherever you may be in your life during this time, note that ‘weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.’

This article was written by Mr. Anthony Ryan, a member of the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church. Professionally, he serves as the Public Analyst/Environmental Scientist at

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FROM THE EDITOR

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021 MAY

- IWILLGO: "BlueAPP Tag" Local Church
- 2 – 23 Youth Volleyball Season
- 14-16 Solutions to Obstacles Adventist Retreat
- 9 – 15 Health Week - Emphasis Addiction
- 15 Global Adventurer's Day (AM: Local Church)
Communications Advisory Council
Adventurer's Voice (PM: All Adventurers & Parents)
Bahamas Academy Special Offering
- 16 International Day of the Boy Child
SBC Music Committee Meeting
- 22 World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk (IAD)/CHAM Speech Contest
- 28 – 30 IGNITE: Youth Congress & Retreat (Joint AY)
People to People
- 29 Women Shining God's Light
- 30 ATCU Health Promoters Certification Course (Graduation Ceremony 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Local Personnel Training (ATV – Video Production)



ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES NEW PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS

The following church adjustments will be effective between June - July 2021.

New Providence & Real Harvest Churches
Pstr. T. Basil Sturrap

Ephesus & Peardale Churches
Pstr. Manasseh Simms

Berea & Breath of Life Churches
Pstr. Carl Johnson

Gambier & Bethany Churches
Pstr. Craig Williams

Good News & Exuma District of Churches
Pstr. Nikita Thompson

Johnson Park Church
Pstr. Jamal Franklyn

Eleuthera District of Churches
Pstr. Johny Davilmar

Crooked Island & Acklins Churches
Pstr. Waylon Johnson

Agape & Maranatha Churches
Pstr. Valentino Campbell

Grant's Town Church
Pstr. Alvarico Moss (Associate Pastor)
–Administration.

I WILL GO ADVENTIST VIRTUAL GLOBAL CAMPMEETING

On **May 19-23, 2021** the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be conducting the first ever "I Will Go" Adventist Virtual Global Campmeeting. All members are asked to register to be a part of this major global church event. Below are the registration website links and other information concerning the event.
<https://www.campmeeting.com>
<https://www.campmeeting.com/americas/>
<https://2021.campmeeting.com/>

–Administration.



BIBLE STUDY & SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Bible Class will be held on
Sunday May 9, 2021 at 6:30p.m.
Topic: "Different than all others: Unique perspectives from the Gospel of John" - Part 4 of 4.
Meeting ID: 915 5872 2673
Passcode: 592256
--Lynden Williams, Pastor, Bible Studies & Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator.



CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

A Mother's Love Is True Love
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A mother's love is a wonderful love packaged from heaven with special care.

A mother's love is like no other love that you can compare.

A mother's love is purified by angels and flows directly from her soul.

A mother's love is justified by God, and by his hands he created the mold.

This mold that was shaped and fashioned by

God has endured the test of time.
This mold that was taped and recorded by

women rang out like a heavenly chime.
A mother's love is unconditional, and from her heart this can be told.
A mother's love is nutritional; it is the fruit that feeds our soul.

A mother's love 'IS' true love, and from her heart she cannot lie.

A mother's love is eternal, the kind that won't ever die.

A mother's love is the tie that binds, and her bond can never be broken.

A mother's love is branded in our hearts, even when her words aren't spoken.

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/a-mothers-love-is-true-love>

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



MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT NEW DATES for S.O.A.R

**Solutions to Obstacles Adventist
Retreat May 14-16, 2021**

Under the theme **PREPARING FOR EFFECTIVE MINISTRY POST COVID-19**, the Ministerial Department of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists presents SOAR 2021.

Don't wait until the pandemic has passed to discuss the way forward for your congregation. Attend SOAR and gain knowledge from churches that are already creating the template for ministry post-Covid-19. Please take note of the **NEW DATES May 14-16, 2021.**

To see a list of the subjects and presenters for this year's program, log onto the Conference website (southbahamasconference.org) and click on the SOAR link.

–Pastor T. Basil Sturrap, Ministerial Secretary.



TRUST DEPARTMENT

The Trust Department invites all members of the South Bahamas Conference to attend a 40-minute webinar on **Saturday, May 15th, 2021**, which will provide information on the spiritual implications of creating wills. The guest presenter will be Ms. Cyd Ferguson, Counsel & Attorney at Law. Members will also learn how to create legally valid wills in The Bahamas.

Zoom Meeting ID: 996 866 2155 |

Password: GCM9t5

--Mr. Michael Toote Jr. Trust Director.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The South Bahamas Conference Women's Ministries Department would like to wish each and every woman who has loved, nurtured, mentored and supported a child, a Happy Mother's Day!

Upcoming WM Events "Ribbon of Hope" Cancer Initiative May 2021

Please contact your local Leader for details.



**“Ruth & Naomi” Outreach
May & June 2021**

Please contact your Local Leader for details.

**Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day
“Come, See the Savior of the World”
June 12, 2021**

(Observed in individual churches)

PAUSE & PRAY

Remember to Pause & Pray with us virtually each Wednesday at noon.

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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.

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



**EXUMA DISTRICT of CHURCHES
A Special Called ZOOM Meeting For All
Descendants From Exuma!**

The Exuma District of churches is asking all members within the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to attend a called zoom meeting to be held Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 7:15 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 508 626 8046

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the following items: The District Homecoming Weekend, November 26-28, 2021, the establishment of EEC (Exuma Evangelism Consortium), and the Six-Month Project to build the Rolleville Seventh-day Adventist Church. Plan now to be a part of this exciting meeting designed to make the island of your birth, the birthplace of your parents, or your ancestors a bulwark of the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

--T. Basil Sturup, District Pastor.



YOUTH VOICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Adventurer Day

Date: Sabbath, May 15th, 2021

Where: In every local church, adventurers will lead the Sabbath School and Divine Hour. A Joint celebration of the Adventurer Ministry will be held in the afternoon.

Resources have been sent to Pastors and Adventurer Directors.

“Every youth, every child, has a work to do for the honor of God and the uplifting of humanity.” **Education, p.58**

IGNITE 2021

3rd Annual Youth Retreat Congress

Under the theme: *Situationships - the 5 S' Formula*

Dates: Friday May 28, 2021, 8:00p.m. (VIRTUAL ONLY)

Sabbath, May 29, 2021, 9:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. (HYBRID)

Venue: New Providence Community Center
*In person for paid delegates only.

Age limit: 18 to 35 years

Cost: \$45.00

Registration Deadline:

Sunday May 16, 2021.

To register please

visit: <https://cutt.ly/Axg5qMR>



**Message of Hope Adventist Church
Men's Ministry - Men's Health
Sabbath May 29, 2021**

Sabbath School - 10:00a.m

Speaker-Elder Leonardo Ferguson

Divine Service - 11:15a.m

Pastor Michael Smith

AY - 5:30p.m

Presenters: Donovan J. Rolle, Jay Fitness & Dr. Sean Knowles, Emanuel Medical Center.

For the AY program, bring your towel, come prepared for a short work out and a discussion on a healthier lifestyle in men.

Music will be provided by Harold Dorsett and Reuben Rolle.

Vesper thought - Elder Gregory Edwards

The meeting will be hosted by Elder Dwayne Adderley.



What We Believe

BELIEF 6:

What Seventh-day Adventists Believe About CREATION.

God has revealed in Scripture the authentic and historical account of His creative activity. He created the universe, and in a recent six-day creation the Lord made “the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them” and rested on the seventh day.

Thus, He established the Sabbath as a perpetual memorial of the work He performed and completed during six literal days that together with the Sabbath constituted the same unit of time that we call a week today.

The first man and woman were made in the image of God as the crowning work of Creation, given dominion over the world, and charged with responsibility to care for it. When the world was finished it was “very good,” declaring the glory of God.

References: *Gen. 1-2; 5:11; Exod. 20:8-11; Ps. 19:1-6; 33:6,9; 104; Isa. 45:12, 18; Acts 17:24; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2; 11:3; Rev. 10:6; 14:7.*

Find out more at

<https://www.adventist.org/creation/>



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By Tuesday at 3:00p.m.*

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ATV658 NEWS, as well as weekly
programming.



**CALL 341-4021
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May 15, 2021 @ 7:47p.m.**



Have a Happy Sabbath