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Witnessing When Our Message Is Not Welcome



“Don’t just pretend to love others. **Really love them.** Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. **Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.** When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you. Don’t curse them; pray that God will bless them. **Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.** Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. **Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.** Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. (Romans 12:9-18, NLT)

As efforts to censor Christian viewpoints online and in the public space intensify, we may be tempted to respond defensively in a way that doesn’t represent the character of Christ. However, Jesus calls us to be a practical witness, one that puts Him on display in all aspects of our lives, one that is not so easily censored. Jesus sought first to fulfill people’s needs; He then invited them to follow. We can use our digital and social influence to gain insights and focus on meeting the mental, physical, and spiritual needs of those around us. Once relationships and trust are built, we can invite them to “taste and see that the Lord is good,” (Psalm 34:8, NIV). The gospel of action can further our ministry of hope and wholeness, even when words of truth are silenced.

Our integrity, genuine care for others, honor, and faith in Christ can never be taken from us. Our prayers cannot be blocked from reaching God. Christ’s character can never be shut down. By embracing the attitude of a servant first, apologist second, light will shine through us to draw others to the God we represent.

Practically, this means when someone online expresses sadness, anxiety about a life challenge, or excitement about a happy event, empathize with them. Engage with their post and/or send a personal message to let them know you’re with them along the way, that you’re there if they need help.

Be consistent in building relationships with others who may have very different beliefs. Once they know how much you care, they are more likely to come and reason with you over truth.

Understanding that acceptance does not mean approval, what if we became known as a people who listened and helped first—without conditions? A people who proactively seeks ways to improve the lives of others in practical, meaningful ways, regardless of who they are and without judgement. What if the Church became a safe place to land regardless of one’s affiliation or interest in faith?

People share a surprising amount of information online. It’s up to us to act upon that knowledge. Modern technology gives us the opportunity to reach into gated communities and closed-off hearts, allowing us to build bridges on common ground. Every post represents a real-life person, their experiences, and their needs. What prayers can we answer by simply paying attention?

The Lord is coming soon because God has made it possible for the gospel to reach the entire world. We can change hearts and minds by living out Jesus both online and offline. When our voices are silenced, know that the Holy Spirit is still at work. Faith requires that we move ahead even when we don’t know how we’re going to reach people. In faith, step out and share God’s love without reservation. Trust God to perform the miracle.

- Article written Jamie Jean Schneider Domm,
Digital Strategist for the North American
Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

FROM THE EDITOR

Are you interested in writing the lead article for the Logos?
Please send an email to lsturrup@sbcadventist.org.bs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

AUGUST

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| 7 | Adventist Men Social
God in Shoes – “Random Acts of Kindness” (PM) IWILLGO:
“Church Community” Local Church |
| 14 | Children & Adolescent Ministries Day (churches) |
| 13-15 | AY Bible Connection Finals #ABC |
| 21 | Adventurer Bible Connection Finals #PBC
Adventist Education Day |
| 22 | C.H.A.M Training Summit |
| 27-29 | Back2School Revival (Joint AY) |
| 28 | Pathfinder Bible Connection |

Finals #PBC
Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day
Abuse Prevention Day (Enditnow Day)
Lay Preachers Exchange and Lay Evangelism Emphasis Day



ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

SPECIAL CALLED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a special called meeting for all Executive Committee members on Saturday August 7, 2021 at 8:00p.m. via Zoom. The link information will be sent by email.

MEMBERS MEETING TO BE HELD

On Sunday August 8, 2021 at 3:00p.m. a special meeting will be held via Zoom for all members within the South Bahamas Conference concerning the Church’s response to COVID-19 and also the Constituency Meeting scheduled for August 15, 2021.

-Administration.

REVISED NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Constituency Meeting of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on August 15, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church, #134 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, New Providence, The Bahamas.

The Special Constituency Meeting is called to:

1. Vote on one of three proposals in relation to the former Bahamas Academy site.
2. Vote on constitution amendments with respect to online participation in constituency meetings as recommended by the General Conference.

All duly appointed delegates are invited to be present at the constituency meeting.

Registration for all delegates will be held on Sunday, August 15, 2021, from 9:00a.m. to 11:30a.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church located on #134 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway.

-Office of the Secretariat.



BAHAMAS ACADEMY REGISTRATION FOR ENTRANCE INTO EARLY LEARNING CENTRE
Bahamas Academy’s Early Learning Centre has relocated to Marshall Road. Registration is in progress for children ages 3-5 years old.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Bahamas Academy’s final sitting for the entrance examination for the 2021-2022 school year will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

Applicants for grades 1-10 are invited to apply online at bahamasacademy.org no later than Monday, August 9, 2021. For additional information please contact the school at 461-2100.

Bahamas Academy's Summer Office Hours - 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. from Monday-Friday.
-Mrs. Juliette Sands, Principal, Bahamas Academy.



BIBLE CLASS

Bible Class will be held on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 6:30p.m. via Zoom.
Meeting ID: 915 5872 2673
Passcode: 592256
-Pastor Lynden Williams, Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator.



CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT *C.H.A.M COUNCIL MEETING*

There will be a regular CHAM Council Meeting on Sunday August 8, 2021, at 9:00a.m.-10:30a.m. All Children & Adolescent Ministries Leaders from Nassau and the family of islands are required to attend. Projections, updates, and programs for the remainder of the year will be discussed. The meeting will be held online via Zoom. Meeting information will follow.

Please note: Resources for the upcoming Virtual Children's Day will be sent in advance via email.

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



STEWARSHIP DEPARTMENT

The Inter American Division will be hosting a Stewardship Congress on Sabbath August 14, 2021. The program begins at 3:30 p.m. and the theme is "God will Provide". All members are encouraged to participate in this Congress and receive spiritual encouragement and affirmation of your faith. You can tune in via the Inter-American Division's Facebook and YouTube sites as well as through our local Conference's media platforms. May you be blessed as you share in this experience. -Elder Anthony Burrows, Stewardship Director.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT *Devotional Project Update*

All submissions have been accepted and are now being edited. Submissions of more than four (4) from an individual will be subject to inclusion by the Women's Ministries Editorial Team.

Upcoming Events *EndItNow*

BRINGING PEACE HOME:
Addressing Youth Violence at the Roots
August 28, 2021

"God Covers Me"

A joint initiative by Women's Ministries and Children & Adolescent Ministries
September 1, 2021

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

DONATION REQUEST

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Good Condition Devotionals

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.



SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE YOUTH DEPARTMENT:

RE: SUMMER SURGE GUIDELINES

Due to the current summer surge in country, the following guidelines adapted from meetings with the Ministry of Youth are recommended for Club Meetings and AY Services:

CLUB MEETINGS: ALL Club face-to-face activities are suspended until further notice.

Only **VIRTUAL** club activities are permitted!

AY SERVICES: AYS are to be held **VIRTUALLY ONLY**. Additional digital resources will be made available to AY Leaders. Stay tune for our virtual **Youth Forum Series**! Below are a few resources:
<https://www.wavemaker.tv/browse>

<https://www.hopety.org/shows/inverse>

<https://sabbathprograms.com/adventist-youth-ay>

<https://www.ks-ne.org/ministries/youth-ministries>

BAND REHEARSALS: In-person band practices are suspended until further notice.

We are source testing
<https://jamkazam.com/> app for online practices.

SPORTS: Adventist Track & Field Championship and Basketball League 2021 are suspended until further notice.

A Christmas Sports tournament is being planned providing conditions improve.

SBC BIBLE CONNECTION: SBCBC Finals 2021 for Adventurers, Pathfinders and Adventist Youth will be held virtually via www.zoom.com and www.kahoot.com on August 7, 14 and 21.

PATHFINDER WEEK AND PATHFINDER DAY 2021: will take on a HYBRID model. Resources will be sent using www.dropbox.com to Pathfinder Directors to assist with advance planning.

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

BELIEF 17: SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND MINISTRIES.

God bestows upon all members of His church in every age spiritual gifts that each member is to employ in loving ministry for the common good of the church and of humanity. Given by the agency of the Holy Spirit, who apportions to each member as He wills, the gifts provide all abilities and ministries needed by the church to fulfill its divinely ordained functions. According to the Scriptures, these gifts include such ministries as faith, healing, prophecy, proclamation, teaching, administration, reconciliation, compassion, and self-sacrificing service and charity for the help and encouragement of people. Some members are called of God and endowed by the Spirit for functions recognized by the church in pastoral, evangelistic, and teaching ministries particularly needed to equip the members for service, to build up the church to spiritual maturity, and to foster unity of the faith and knowledge of God. When members employ these spiritual gifts as faithful stewards of God's varied grace, the church is protected from the destructive influence of false doctrine, grows with a growth that is from God, and is built up in faith and love.

REFERENCES: Acts 6:1-7; Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:7-11, 27, 28; Eph. 4:8, 11-16; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; 1 Peter 4:10, 11.

For more information, visit: www.adventist.org/spiritual-gifts-and-ministries/



ADVENTIST BURIAL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING

The Burial Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday August 9, 2021, at 6:30p.m. at the Grant's Town Church Annex. For your information: We've had five (5) deaths for the year 2020 and four (4) deaths for 2021. Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the Society are invited to attend. -Elder R. Henry Moncur.



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August 14, 2021 @ 7:45 p.m.



Have a Happy Sabbath!