



Experiencing the Power to Obey



From the beginning of time, loving obedience has always been a test of loyalty to God. Lucifer led one-third of the angels to disobey God (Rev. 12:3, 4, 7-9). He claimed that God's government was unfair and His laws unjust. Satan painted a picture of God as an authoritarian ruler who had little interest in His creation. His claim has always been that obedience limits our happiness and that disobedience enhances life. He perpetrated this lie in heaven and repeated it in Eden (Gen. 3:1-5).

Obedience to God's law brings the greatest joy and highest delight to God's people.

David sensed that God's law was his source of true joy. In Psalm 1 he wrote about God's faithful people: "But [their] delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law [they meditate] day and night" (verse 2). He added in Psalm 119, "Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction" (verse 92). The eternal Christ placed the desire in David's heart to obey, just as that desire was in Jesus' heart to obey throughout His earthly life.

The New Testament makes it abundantly plain: Jesus did not come to destroy the law; He came to fulfill it. To fulfill means to fill it full of meaning. In Colossians 4:17 the apostle Paul counseled a disciple named Archippus to "fulfill" his ministry. He certainly didn't mean for him to do away with it. He meant for Archippus to fill it with meaning, to complete it; to

persevere, and never give up.

We are saved by grace and grace alone. By faith, we receive God's forgiveness. In Christ, we stand before God as if we had never sinned. The same grace that justifies us also sanctifies us. The same faith that gives us forgiveness also gives us power to obey.

What does God promise for each believer who comes to Him in faith?

God promises to do for us that which we can never do for ourselves. In Christ the gift of salvation is ours. He places His law in our minds so we can know it, and places it in our hearts so we can love it. Through His Holy Spirit, God gives us the power to obey and delight in His ways. This is the miracle of the gospel.

*Adapted article by Pastor Mark A. Finley
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 1-9 GC Spring Council Activities
- 6 Day of Prayer and Fasting
- 6 Digital Distribution of "The Great Controversy"
- 6 Family in Mission Baptism Day
- 6 Lay literature distribution community impact
- 7 CHAM Council Meeting
- 7 Adventurer Club Inspections
- 7 Continuation of Lay Certification Evangelism Training
- 7 Joint Elders Meeting
- 11-14 Spirit of Prophecy Coordinators Affirmation
- 13 Friends of Hope Day (Visitors' Day)
- 13 CHAM Leadership Training
- 13 Hope Channel International Emphasis Day
- 13 Digital Distributions of 'The Great Controversy' Ends
- 13 Adolescents Emphasis
- 13-19 Evangelistic Literature Concentration Week
- 13-20 Family in Mission Evangelism Week
- 17-22 Adventist Education Week
- 19-21 Possibility Ministries Festival
- 20 Colporteurs Day
- 20 Possibility Ministries Day
- 20 Men's Power Hour (MPH)
- 21 Men's Health Focus
- 24 Administrative Assistants Day
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting

- 26-27 Children's Workshop and Concert
- 29 Children's Workshop and Concert
- 27 Baptismal Day/Day of Compassion
- 27 CHAM Leadership Training
- 27 Full Circle
- 29 Hymn Fest
- 30 Children and Adolescent Ministries Emphasis (Green/Hope Day)



ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE 2024 APRIL

- Mar 31-Apr 6** "All the Family in Mission" Baptism Day
- 7-13** The Men of Our Church and Nation
- 14-20** The Great Controversy Distribution Project
- 21- 27** New Believers



BIBLE CLASS

There will be no Bible Class this Sunday, April 14th, 2024. For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams: lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs.



2024 CRUSADE

The South Bahamas Conference's second evangelistic series which began on March 31st continues until April 27th, under the theme, Jesus is the Answer, with Thursday and Saturday nights off. The speaker is Pastor Steven Gates of the Southeastern Conference in Florida.



IAD & SID VISIT

We welcome members of the Inter-American Division and South Africa-Indian Ocean Division as they worship with us at our Evangelistic Series this weekend.



CRUSADE STREAMING

The Sabbath Services will be broadcast to the YouTube site of churches in our conference.



CHOIR REHEARSALS

There will be a District 3 rehearsal for the "Jesus Is the Answer" Campaign at 5 pm TODAY at the New Providence Church.

All members of the district choirs and singers are asked to attend the joint rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. TODAY at New Providence Church.

-Annette Dorsett, SBC Music Coordinator



SBC CHAM CHOIR

There will be no children's choir practice until further notice.



NORTH CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITY NCU Alumni and Friends

You are invited to join us for the Northern Caribbean University International Development Foundation (NCUIDF) Inaugural Impact Celebration, April 28, 2024. This landmark event will be held at the Atrium (Sligo Church) Washington Adventist University campus and streamed live to the Atlantic Caribbean Union conference room in Nassau, Bahamas. The event will begin with a reception at five o'clock in the afternoon followed by a Celebration at six o'clock.

From its inception in 1907, Northern Caribbean University (NCU) provided opportunities for students with ability but little or no resources to access tertiary education. Thousands of people from the Caribbean, North, Central, and South America, Africa, and the United Kingdom have acquired an education at NCU and have gone to serve around the world.

To sustain its mission, NCU needs a pool of funds to bolster robust information technology, replace aging infrastructure with state-of-the-art climate-friendly labs, modern residence halls, and other upscale facilities, and retain and hire expert faculty.

NCUIDF is a 501 (c) (3) organization, established as NCU's major fundraising arm, working on its behalf to support the needs of students. Please partner with us in this project by purchasing a dinner ticket for \$100.00 or donating \$100.00 or more. Please call Pastor Manasseh Simms (809-5082) or Dr. John Carey (557-2037) for instructions regarding payment.

Leadership Team

Bahamas Chapter, NCU Alumni Association



UBUNTU CHOIR OF BURMAN UNIVERSITY

In celebrating 5 years of music making, The Ubuntu choir of Burman University will be traveling to The Bahamas this spring. There will be a special pre-Mother's Day concert at the Hillview Adventist Church on May 11th, 2024, beginning at 7 pm. The concert admission is free, but persons are encouraged to bring a generous donation.



ASI CONVENTION 2024

The Inter-American Division's ASI convention will be held at the Riu Plaza in

Panama with guest speaker Pastor Debleaire Snell from Oakwood University from August 14-17. All persons interested in going are asked to call 556 0492 or email the Bahamas ASI Chapter at asibahamas242@gmail.com



GRANT'S TOWN YOUTH TRIP RECAP

On March 22nd, 2024, the youth of the Grant's Town church attended the Pure Reality Youth Retreat held at Camp Kalaqua in High Springs, Florida. The youth took part in engaging discussions, lively praise and worship, and were blessed by powerful sermons by Pastor Alexis Madrid. The retreat ended with an entertaining social where the youth interacted with youth from other conferences.



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Saturday, April 20, 2024
@ 7:35 p.m.
Have a Happy Sabbath!