



READY OR NOT



One of our pivotal beliefs, as Seventh-day Adventists, is that of the second coming of Jesus Christ. It is, indeed, the hope “that burns within our hearts.” And we are not alone. The coming of Christ has been the culmination of hope for all believers down through the ages.

In describing that glorious event, the prophet Isaiah wrote, “And it will be said in that day: ‘Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation’ ” (Isa. 25:9). In Psalm 50:3 we read, “Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.”

While on earth, Jesus told His disciples, “I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:2, 3). He repeats this promise with urgency in Revelation 22, saying in verse 7: “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book”; in verse 12: “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work”; and in verse 20: “Surely I am coming quickly.”

And yet, how quick is “quick”? From our human point of view, especially in today’s technological world, anything less than instant is slow.

Adventists have been preaching the second

coming of Christ for 180 years—which can seem like an eternity to some. Disheartened, some Adventists have lost their sense of urgency in the second coming of Christ, which should permeate every aspect of Seventh-day Adventist life.

This should not surprise us, however. We read in 2 Peter 3:3-7: “Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.’ ”

Peter points out that these scoffers “willingly forget” that God created the heavens and the earth, and that there was a worldwide flood. He then warns that one day all will be destroyed by fire.

The passage goes on, giving important instruction and encouragement to those who believe:

“Beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (verses 8, 9).

What a calling we have, staying close to the Lord and allowing Him to guide us as we eagerly look forward to His coming.

The book of Hebrews encourages us: “Do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: ‘For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him.’ But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul” (Heb. 10:35-39).

Friends, time is short—none of us are promised tomorrow or even the rest of today. We have only this moment, right

now. Are you ready for Jesus to come? Whether we live or we rest in the grave, we will see Him soon.

My dear brothers and sisters, we are living at the end of time. Let’s keep close to the Lord, allowing the Holy Spirit to fill our lives with hope and courage to share the message of Christ’s soon return with the world!

*Adapted article by Ted N. C. Wilson
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY

- 4 Lay literature distribution community impact
- 5 Continuation of Lay Certification Evangelism Training
- 5 Men’s Ministries Certification Course Begins (Modules 2-5) Virtual Session
- 5-18 Health Evangelistic Campaign
- 4-25 Volleyball Season
- 6 8 Weeks 2 Wellness Monthly Meeting
- 11 Reach the World: In the Disaster Community Adventist Volunteer Service Day
- 11 NCU Special Offering
- 11 Volunteer Service Day
- 12-13 Adventist Nurses Appreciation Day
- 12 Mother’s Day
- 16 International Day of the Boy Child
- 18 CHAM Leadership Training
- 18 Global Adventurers Day
- 18 Men’s Power Hour (MPH)
- 18 World Adventurers Day #WAD
- 23 Executive Committee Meeting
- 25 CHAM Speech Competition
- 25 World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk
- 25 Baptismal Day
- 26 Women’s Ministries “You are Valuable” Program
- 26 Men’s Ministries Certification Course Continues (Modules 6-10) Virtual Session, -
- 28-29 ATCU Mid-year Meetings



ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE 2024 MAY

- Apr 29-May 4** Mental Health
- 5-11** Cell Phone Evangelism
- 12-18** Global Centers of Influence
- 19- 25** Church Building Projects
- 26-1** Protection from Natural Disasters

BIBLE CLASS

There will be a special Bible class via Zoom and in person at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, April 28th, 2024, at 6:30 pm, for all new believers.

Topic: Your Questions Answered

Meeting ID: 964 7121 1890

Passcode: 765704

For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams:
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MUSIC MINISTRIES

The Music Ministries Department of the South Bahamas Conference extends a heartfelt thanks to all musicians and singers who participated in the **Jesus is the Answer** Campaign. Special thanks to the crusade band and district music coordinators for your unwavering commitment and support of the campaign. Your contributions have played a vital role. In bringing others to Christ. The music has truly been a blessing to all.

-Annette Dorsett, SBC Music Coordinator



MEN'S MINISTRIES

The Men's Mobilization March Directorate of the Bahamas cordially invites the men of the South Bahamas Conference to an island-wide National March, Unity Rally & Candlelight ceremony under the theme 'A Call to Action' on Sunday, April 28th, 2024. The march departs Clifford Park at 3:00 pm.

All Men's Ministries Directors in New Providence are invited to a very important men's ministries directors meeting that will be held at the Grant's Town Church on Tuesday, April 30th, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

-Michael McCoy, Men's Ministries Director



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.



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.

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



WORLD ADVENTURER DAY

Fellow Directors, the countdown has begun! Get ready for the ultimate **World**

Adventurer Day Celebration at our 5th Annual Adventuree!

On Sabbath, May 18th, 2024, Adventurers across the South Bahamas Conference will join in an unforgettable journey where they will discover their God-given talents by unleashing the fun! From a MEGA Sabbath Service to interactive honor activities with a bonus special surprise feature! Adventuree is where Adventurer memories are made!

Registration is now open, so secure your club member's spot before it's too late. Don't miss out on the biggest kids' camp of the year at the South Bahamas Conference.



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SUNSETS NEXT SABBATH

Saturday, May 4, 2024

@ 7:42 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!