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### GO FIND MY SHEEP



atthew 18:10-14 and Luke 15:1-7 reference 'The Parable of the Lost Sheep', where the shepherd takes action when the sheep is lost; and with joy, celebrates their return.

Research shows that many people stop attending church because of conflict, broken relationships, perceived hypocrisy, and lack of friends or support. Others may be victims of emotional, domestic, or even sexual abuse.

The Women's Ministries Department, not only of The South Bahamas Conference but worldwide will observe "EndItNow" Emphasis Day on August 24, 2024, where the church is to go out and love anyone affected by abuse. The campaign, "Go Find My Sheep" highlights our need to minister like The Good Shepherd, searching for the lost and afflicted as He does. More than ever, these people need to know that Jesus cares for them.

As Christ's disciples, you and I are needed to help find the "lost sheep" that have been separated from the fold and assist them in healing to feel a part of a safe church community.

Women's Ministries Locally, The Department of New Providence Church has initiated programs and services to appeal not only to younger and older women but to those who may have left the church for various reasons. Through Prayer Breakfasts, Online Vesper Services, Sip & Paints, Home visits, Chat & Chew, and even a Women's International Day of Prayer; efforts are being made to "seek and save that which is lost". In addition to planning programs, we as a church can be proactive by increasing awareness of the creeping ills or dangers of abuse; cultivating an environment with zero tolerance for it and supporting potential victims by breaking the silence in our churches as well as our communities. We must all say "NO" to violence and work together to "EndItNow".

"Trauma-Informed Church" conscious of the impact trauma makes on the lives of its members by operating with sensitivity, care, and compassion, thus making the environment safe for everyone to worship. This includes all of us being led by The Holy Spirit through prayer and fasting so that we can be able to break through existing barriers and effectively listen to others in keeping with preserved confidentiality and continued support. The recovery ministry will not only assist victims and survivors of abuse but also divorce and grief.

It's amazing how many souls are blessed after a program brought on by The Women's Ministry Department, yet only when we all do our part to help, can so many more souls be blessed and find their way back to Jesus. May our congregations become safe spaces and more than that, springs of Christ's overflowing love.

> Dr. Shekenah K. Turnquest GEMS / Women's Ministries Assistant Leader (New Providence Church)



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST

1 IAD Continuation of Annual Activities for Conservation and Soul-Winning 3 Global Mission Evangelism 3 Lay literature distribution community impact

5-11 International Pathfinder Camporee, Wyoming

10 Reach the World: Church Planting 10 Lay Pulpit Exchange/Graduation of Lay Certification Evangelism Training

17 Adventist Education Day

17 Adventurer Bible Connection

17 Men's Power Hour (MPH)

Mission Project (to be determined) Back to School Initiative (to be determined) 18 SBC Lav Campaign

22 Executive Committee Meeting

24 Pathfinder Bible Connection

24 Evangelism with Laity

24 Adventist Education Day (Bahamas

Academy – Special Offering)

31 AY Bible Connection

Baptismal Day



#### **ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE 2024** AUGUST

July 28- August 3 World Church Leaders 4-10 Adventist World Radio & Hope Channel 11-17 Northern Caribbean University 18-24 Graduates Seeking Admission to

**25-31** Graduates Seeking Employment



#### **BIBLE CLASS**

Bible class will be held online on Zoom and YouTube this Sunday, August 25th, 2024, at 6 pm. TOPIC: A Biblical **Perspective.** For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams: at lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs.



# SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

The South Bahamas Conference Retirees' Association will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 29th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. The venue is the Philadelphia SDA Church in Elizabeth Estates. All members and those wishing to become members are asked to be present. If you are retired and a Seventh-day Adventist, you are invited to be a part of the association.

-Rowena Smith, President



#### **HEALTH MINISTRIES INITIATIVE**

For the rest of 2024, SBC Health Ministries is challenging you to improve your overall health. Each month you have a challenge, and you will be given tips on how to accomplish those challenges.

# August Challenge: Be more active!

We want you to be social with us! Post and tag us (SBC Health Ministries on Facebook) when you are being active, drinking your water, preparing and/or eating your vegetables, and practicing selfcare. It is our desire that you achieve the highest level of health possible. We want you to be happy and healthy!



#### **END IT NOW**

The Adventist Church has designated August 24th, 2024, as #EndItNow Day, an initiative aimed at raising awareness and providing practical solutions to combat violence in all its forms. This year, we are promoting the theme "Find My Sheep," which encourages active participation to shelter and support those suffering from violence and help bring justice. The Women's Ministries Department invites all to join the annual march and rally on August 24, 2024.





#### ATCU WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Atlantic Caribbean Union will host its 2024 women's conference under the theme Rescuing Your Value for Mission. The conference will be held at Atlantis. Paradise Island from October 11-13, 2024. The international guest speaker will be Jill Morikone, 3ABN Vice President.





#### BAHAMAS ACADEMY

Returning Students: August 26, 2024

#### Alumni Weekend



#### GRAND BAHAMA ACADEMY

The School Board of Grand Bahama Academy invites applications for the post of Business Manager.

successful candidate will The responsible for providing fiscal leadership and management for Grand Bahama Academy of Seventh-day Adventists, a K-12 institution.

### **Core Responsibilities**

- Prepare financial statements.
- Oversee the assets of the academy.
- Oversee the Business Office.
- Produce annual budget.
- Collect school fees/tuition.
- Assist in the smooth functioning of the school environment.

# **Minimum Candidate Requirements**

- degree in business Bachelor's administration with an emphasis in accounting.
- Five (5) years of experience as an accountant.
- interpersonal Excellent and communication skills.
- Understands and is committed to the distinctive qualities of Seventh-day Adventist education.

Interested persons should submit their resume and cover letter to:

Chairman Grand Bahama Academy School Board at:

Email: jscavella@nbcadventist.org Deadline for receipt of application: August 30, 2024

#### **GHANA MISSION TRIP**

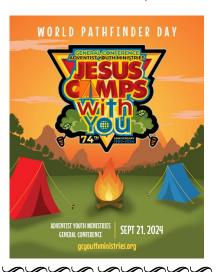
Interested individuals who would like to travel and assist the Amazing Grace Seventh-day Adventist church in Ghana, beginning October 15, 2024, can contact David Williams at 433-6917 for more information.



# YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS **Bible Connection**

The 2024 AY Bible Connection has been rescheduled for Sabbath, August 31st, 2024, at 5 pm at the Grant's Town Church. Come out and support your church participant in this faith-building and Bible study initiative.

# **Pathfinder Day**



Please Email Weekly Announcements To: sbclogos@gmail.com Or logos@sbcadventist.org.bs By Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.

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