



A tribute: The Faith and Legacy of Missionary Evangeline Louise Antonio Wood



Evangeline Louise Antonio Wood, was one of the sweetest and most caring persons we had the privilege of knowing. Her love extended far beyond her immediate family. She desired to be a grandmother, mentor, and spiritual guide to all of God's children, encouraging them to experience His love, care, protection, and saving grace.

Grandma Evangeline was a devoted student of the Bible. She studied God's Word daily and faithfully shared its teachings with us, her grandchildren. She taught us to love Jesus, to place God first in our lives, to obey His commandments, and to honor the Sabbath as a sacred day of worship and rest.

Through her study of Scripture and Christian history, Missionary Evangeline became deeply convinced of the importance of all Ten Commandments. She observed that Christians throughout the world generally affirm the Ten Commandments as expressions of God's moral law, while differing significantly over the observance of the fourth commandment—the seventh-day Sabbath.

Grandma was particularly passionate about the biblical teaching concerning the Sabbath. She believed that the seventh day, Saturday, was established by God at Creation as a day of rest and worship. Genesis 2:2–3 teaches that God rested on the seventh day, blessed it, and sanctified it. For Grandma, these three divine acts—resting, blessing, and sanctifying the seventh day—made the Sabbath uniquely significant.

She often pointed to Isaiah 66:22–23 as evidence that Sabbath worship has an enduring place in God's purposes: "And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord."

This promise strengthened her conviction that God's people are called to honor the Sabbath as a special time of communion and worship with Him. She believed that faithfulness to God includes taking seriously His commandments and following the teachings of Jesus.

Grandma also studied the history of Christianity and was deeply concerned about the gradual development of traditions that, in her understanding, moved Christian practice away from the biblical seventh-day Sabbath. She believed that throughout history, human traditions, cultural influences, and religious institutions contributed to the widespread adoption of Sunday as the principal day of Christian worship.

She frequently referred to the reign of the Roman Emperor Constantine, who in A.D. 321 issued a civil decree concerning Sunday rest. The decree was an

important historical development in the growing prominence of Sunday observance within the Roman Empire. However, Sunday observance did not originate solely with Constantine, nor did his decree simply constitute a universal Christian command to worship on Sunday. Rather, the historical development of Sunday observance occurred over a much longer period, and involved a combination of religious, cultural, and political influences.

Missionary Evangeline believed that these historical developments contributed to confusion regarding the biblical Sabbath. Her conviction was that Christians should examine these matters for themselves through sincere study of Scripture rather than simply accepting religious traditions because they are longstanding or widely practiced.

She also understood the great controversy between Christ and Satan as a central theme of Scripture. She believed that Satan's rebellion against God and the spread of sin throughout human history have resulted in humanity's departure from many of God's revealed principles. For Grandma, the Sabbath was therefore much more than a day on a calendar—it represented God's authority as Creator and a weekly reminder of humanity's relationship with Him.

She believed that obedience was not a means of earning salvation, but a loving response to God's grace and to the salvation offered through Jesus Christ. Her desire was never simply that people would know about the Sabbath; she wanted them to know the God who created the Sabbath and, above all, to know and love Jesus Christ.

Article by the grandchildren of Evangeline Antonio Wood

Notice Of The Seventh Quadrennial Session Of The South Bahamas Conference Of Seventh-Day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Seventh Quadrennial Session of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church, #134 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas, on Saturday, November 7, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. through Monday, November 9, 2026. On November 8–9, 2026, the session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Registration will commence at the conference headquarters on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and continue until Friday, November 6, 2026, at 12:00 noon.

This session is called to:

1. Receive reports from the officers, departmental directors, and the external auditor.
2. Elect officers, departmental directors, and executive committee members for the next quadrennium.
3. Consider and vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
4. Transact such other business as shall be properly brought to the meeting.

All duly appointed delegates are invited to be present at this conference session.

By order, Pastor Leonardo D. K. Rahming, Executive Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2026

- 1 SBC Adventist Men's Council Meeting
- 5 CHAM Leadership Training
- 5 Youth Spiritual and Mission Commitment Day
- 5 Community Literature Distribution (All Churches)
- 6 Elders Meeting
- 6-12 Family Togetherness Week of Prayer
- 11 Oasis of Prayer
- 12 Health Ministries Emphasis Day
- 13-18 CHAM Week of Prayer
- 13-19 Pathfinder Scarf Challenge Week (schools and workplaces)
- 18 Doris Johnson Health Expo.
- 17 School Board Meeting
- 19 Men's Power Hour (MPH)
- 19 World Pathfinder Day
- 20 Church Music Coordinators' Meeting
- 20 Men's Health – Prostate Awareness Focus/Health Fair
- 20-26 Health & Evangelism Week
- 23 Executive Committee Meeting
- 26 Sabbath School Community Guest Day
- 27 CHAM-Versation (Adolescents)

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- Aug 30-Sept 5 Lay Evangelism
- 6 – 12 Students and Teachers Returning to School
- 13 – 19 The Government and People of the Cayman
- 20 – 26 Islands Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- 27 – Oct. 3 Brotherhood Love

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BIBLE CLASS

There will be no Bible Class on Monday, August 31st, 2026. For further information, contact Pastor Lynden Williams at lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs

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BAHAMAS ACADEMY

Bahamas Academy is a Sunday test center for the SAT examination. The next SAT examination will be held on September 13, 2026. The deadline to register is September 1, 2026. If you are interested in sitting the SAT examination please contact Mrs. T. Dixon at tdixon@bahamasacademy.org or Mr. Dane Calvin at dcalvin@bahamasacademy.org.

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FRANCOPHONE CHURCH

The Francophone Seventh-day Adventist will conclude its Evangelistic Week on August 29, 2026. Centered on the theme "Jesus Is the Solution," this final service will explore how Christ provides the answer to our greatest daily challenges, needs, and aspirations.

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CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES

The South Bahamas Conference Children's & Adolescent Ministries invites all young people and families to the CHAM Week of Prayer, taking place September 13–18, 2026, at Johnson Park Church. Meetings will run nightly from 6:45 PM to 7:30 PM under the theme "Made To Follow: I'm Never Too Young To Say Yes," featuring speaker Pastor Arthur Angila. The week will culminate with a special Baptismal Service on Friday evening. Additionally, as this event coincides with Pathfinder Scarf Week, all CHAM children who are Pathfinders are encouraged to proudly wear their Pathfinder scarves.



NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH 50TH Anniversary

Join the New Providence Church as its members celebrate a monumental milestone: the church's 50th anniversary, under the theme, 'Celebrating God's Faithfulness: We Press On'. The week of celebration kicks off Wednesday, September 9th through Sunday, September 13th, 2026, with a lineup of dynamic guest speakers throughout the week, including Pastor Waldo Casildo Bennett, Dr. Roger Moncur, Dr. Peter Joseph, and Dr. Leonard Johnson!

Summer Basketball Tournament

Join the youth of New Providence Church for the conclusion of their Basketball Tournament on August 29, 2026, beginning at 8:30 pm.



WORLD PATHFINDERS' DAY

On September 19, 2025, Pathfinders around the world will celebrate the General Conference Adventist Youth Ministries Pathfinder Day under the theme, Speak Lord! Connect with your local church Pathfinder leader for more information.



YOUTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT Youth Sports Day

The annual Sports Day will be held on September 20th, 2026, to conclude Pathfinder Week in the South Bahamas Conference. Stay tuned for more updates.



PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church invites all families to attend their Back-to-School Extravaganza on Sunday, August 30, 2026, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The event aims to help students start the school year with faith, fun, and preparation through games, exciting activities, and the distribution of essential school supplies. Everyone is welcome to bring their family and join them for a memorable day focused on empowering students for a successful year ahead.



TRUST DEPARTMENT

Join the South Bahamas Conference Trust Department for an informative Zoom webinar, "Before Time Runs Out: Understanding Wills in The Bahamas," on Sunday, September 6, 2026, at 4:30 PM. Hosted by Trust Director Mrs. Kimberly Bryan and featuring attorney Michael Toote Jr., this seminar will guide you through the essentials of estate planning and will preparation in The Bahamas.



WHOLISTIC LIFESTYLE Monthly Fun/Run Walk

You are all invited to the Step into Wellness Fun Run Walk on Sept. 13. This is a monthly Community Fun/Run Walk, held the second Sunday monthly. Starting time: 6:00 am. Goodman's Bay. Come join in the fun and be a part of a vibrant wellness and fitness community. For further information, WhatsApp Nathelyn LaCroix 828-6387



BEREA CHURCH

The Health Ministries Department of Berea SDA Church cordially invites you, your family, friends, and colleagues to our upcoming Health Emphasis Weekend, from September 2-6, 2026. Come and discover what the "8 Natural Doctors" have to say about living a healthier and more balanced. Sept 2 – Prayer Meeting-Dr. Justina Knowles
Sept 3 – Prayer Meeting
Sept 5 –Health Screening (8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
September 6 – Let's Move Activities - Goodman's Bay (6:30 a.m. – 8:00 am)
We look forward to seeing you there!



SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The South Bahamas Conference Sabbath School Department is excited to present Friendship Sabbath on September 26, 2026. This special day is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to Sabbath School as we come together to share Jesus. Mark your calendars, invite someone close to you, and join us to experience the love of Christ together!



BAHAMAS ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND
Alumni Weekend will be held from October 30 to November 1, 2026. Come and enjoy a weekend of memories, Bahamas Academy style!



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SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH

Saturday, September 5, 2026

@ 7:31 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath