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THE MOST NEEDED KIND OF OFFERING



Edward, a committed fellow member in my church in Maryland (USA) said, "I am using my offerings to fund a food bank initiative in a poor country, and every food bag also receives a missionary book. Nelson, a friend, and fellow pastor working in a developing country told me that he is keeping his offerings in a special bank account, waiting for the best project for which to use them.

While pondering the two cases above, I wondered what would be the most efficient way to give, use, or distribute "my" offerings. Also, I wondered how to explain why is it important to give offerings if I am already tithing. Why are offerings important in the end-time context? Should we ideally bring regular and systematic offerings to the storehouse, as we do with the tithe? If the offerings really belong to God, and not to me, is it right for me to decide how to distribute them, or are there some divine directives as to how I distribute those funds?

WHY SHOULD I GIVE OFFERINGS IF I AM ALREADY TITHING?

Here are some reasons offerings should be considered as important as tithe.

1. God requires and expects offerings just as He does tithe. According to the Bible, both are equally required and expected by God, and the fact that I am bringing one of them will never exempt me from the other (Mal. 3:8). Ellen G. White, God's messenger for the last days, is also very clear about this subject.

2. Offerings are an expression of recognition and gratitude. David said that

all things, including my income or increase, come from God, and it should be from these that I should take my offerings (1 Chron. 29:14), as well as the tithe. I am supposed to bring to Him the first fruits (the first and/or the best part) of all my increase (Prov. 39), to demonstrate my recognition that He is the source of all that I have.

1. Offerings require a more complex decision process than the tithe. To give the tithe, I need only to decide if I will comply or not with God's clear instructions about the subject (regularity, proportion, where to bring it, and how it should be used). But when it comes to offerings, there is an additional choice that is not necessary when I tithe, and it is about how much I will give.

2. Offerings can accomplish all that the tithe cannot. Even though the tithe is a very important resource, it is also very restricted and limited in its use, it can be used only as prescribed by God: for the maintenance of those who are appointed, accredited, and paid by the church to preach the gospel and their support teams (Num. 18: 21, 24).

3. Offerings, on the other hand, are considered as unrestricted, and can be used to support almost all other expenses related to missionary work around the world! As a very important end-time mission fund, offerings currently represent only about 30 percent of the Seventh-day Adventist Church finances! Imagine how much more we could do if offerings could be increased. We could expedite Jesus' mandate to preach the gospel of the kingdom, not only locally, or where we believe it should be preached, but in all the world as a witness to all the nations" (Matt. 24:14, NKJV).

Although the Lord must be praised for what has already been accomplished in the mission, it is still too little compared to what we have been commanded to do. The fields are ripe; the time is short, and the need for resources are many. Who are the laborers that will come to the help of the

Lord, investing in a coordinated way to save souls? I will go!

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FROM THE EDITOR

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 2 World Stewardship Day
- 3 Adventist Men Chorale Concert
- 10 Youth Day
- 10 Health Emphasis Day
- 10 4th Quarter Youth Day (Local Church)
- 15. Conference Closes for the Holiday
- 17. Park and Preach: Christmas Edition
- 23 Festival of Carols



HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND



BEREA CHURCH COMMUNITY HEALTH DAY

The Berea church is hosting a community health day on December 3rd, 2022, from 9:00a.m – 12:00 p.m. During the day the church also plans to distribute the donated shoes, clothes, toys, food items, and books. For more information contact Dr. Monique Mitchell at 802-3668.



**CENTREVILLE CHURCH 112th
YEAR ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

The Centreville Church will be celebrating its 112th year from the Shirley Street location to its present site on Collins Avenue under the theme, *Remembering From Whence We Came*. The date of this event is Sabbath, December 3, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Our guest artist will be Dr. Paul Jones.

We would be most grateful if you would join us on this special occasion. Featured will be the Sanctuary, Youth, and Children's Choirs, as well as the Centreville Chorale. This will be a spirit-filled, enjoyable event, where God will be glorified and all in attendance edified!

-Mrs. Lorraine Duvalier, Music Department.



**PATHFINDER BAND
BEAT RETREAT**

On Sunday, December 4, 2022, the Pathfinder Band will host its inaugural Christmas Beat retreat in Rawson Square at 3 pm. The event will feature selections from the band and special items of music from select band members. We hope to see you there.

JOB NOTICE

A care center for children and the elderly is accepting applications for the positions of two (2) caregivers who will be responsible for the care and conduct of senior citizens and children admitted into the center.

Applicants should possess a high-school diploma and be comfortable with:

1. Assisting residents with activities of daily living, including bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, transferring, and getting to and from activities and meals;
2. Maintaining a clean, safe, and orderly environment for the residents;
3. Performing general housekeeping; and
4. Following cleaning schedules for resident laundry, bedrooms, dining area, living space, bathrooms, kitchen, and other areas.

Applications can be emailed to secretariat@sbcadventist.org.bs.



ADVENTIST BURIAL SOCIETY

The S.D.A. Burial society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 5th, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the Grants Town Church Annex. We've had five (5) deaths for 2020, Seven (7) for 2021, and Ten (10) for 2022. Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the society are invited to attend.

-Elder R. Henry Moncur.



**BAHAMAS ACADEMY CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

Bahamas Academy presents - The Best Christmas Present Ever! Please join the students, staff, and faculty at the Marshall Road campus on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. for a fun-filled evening with your family. For more details, you can contact the school at 461-2100.

-Bahamas Academy.



**GRANTS TOWN CHURCH
TOY DRIVE**

The Grants Town church is hosting its second annual toy drive for the children of the Bain and Grants town communities. Toys can be dropped off at the Grants town church community center. Donations will be accepted until December 15. You can contact the leader of The Grants Town AY department for further information.



**BREATH OF LIFE CHURCH
YOUTH CAMPAIGN**

The youth department of the Breath of Life Church invites you to their Youth Campaign, under the theme *Indestructible Hope*. The campaign begins nightly at 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., every night except Thursdays and Saturdays. Come and hear the word of God delivered by our passionate young people.

-Breath of Life Youth Department



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@5:20p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!