



Training the Head, Heart and Hand



Schools are closed for the holidays, but the work of educating the next generation continues. As we enter this season of Christmas, what should be the focus for our children? How many gifts they will receive? Who is getting the biggest box? Maybe it will be who gives the most.

The Master Teacher left some valuable lessons for us to live by. We should be about giving to the One who gave all. Isn't it interesting that we celebrate the birth of Christ, but we don't give Him any of the presents?

Yes, we all have the head knowledge, we believe that Jesus came to this earth. But how has this information changed us? Do we still believe that by beholding we will become changed? By dwelling upon the love of God and our Saviour, by contemplating the perfection of the divine character, and by claiming the righteousness of Christ as ours by faith, we are to be transformed into the same image.

Jesus had head knowledge; He knew what He was about, but He also had a heart for His mission. He placed all His energy into saving humanity, so much so, that He left all of heaven on a mission that He knew was to end in His death on the cross. Yet with all His heart He still came to our rescue. I want to challenge each of you to find it in your heart this season to bring joy to someone in need, someone that you know will not be able to return the same

to you. Remember that Jesus came to "the least of these".

We are told in Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...". This season let us bring joy to someone who needs some painting, cleaning, or cooking done. Sit with an elderly person and just read a good book to them. Maybe focus on "being" and giving as opposed to "doing" and receiving. Volunteer some time at a home for the elderly. Participate in a food distribution center or better yet, pack some groceries and distribute them in your community.

For our students, this is a good time to log some much-needed community service hours. "With such preparation as they can gain, thousands upon thousands of the youth and those older in years should be giving themselves to this work.....There is no line of work in which it is possible for the youth to receive greater benefit." Ed. 231.

This is a great time for parents to teach valuable life lessons to our children. Our sabbath school classes can focus on having them re-commit themselves to Jesus and we all can give to the One whose birth we remember. Bring a special offering to help those in need. Let's put Christ back into Christmas!

*-Anthony Burrows, Education Director
South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER

- 16 Education Emphasis
- 16 Men's Power Hour (MPH) – (Christmas Edition)
- 19 Conference Office Closes
- 30 Baptism Sabbath/ Year-End Service



BIBLE CLASS

Bible Class will resume in 2024. For further information contact Pastor Lynden

Williams: lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs or 803-9793.



CONFERENCE OFFICE Holiday Hours

The Conference office will be closed from December 19, 2023-January 03, 2024, for the holidays.



ADVENTIST BOOK AND NUTRITION CENTER Holiday Hours

The ABNC will be closed December 22-26, 2023, and December 29, 2023-January 3, 2024, for the holidays. The store will reopen on December 27-28, 2023, and January 4th, 2024.



MUSIC MINISTRIES

On behalf of the Administration of the South Bahamas Conference, I wish to thank all who participated in the recent Festival of Carols. A special thank you is extended to the pastor, officers, and members of the Hillview Church who hosted the event. I would also like to thank the pastor, officers, and members of the Maranatha Church for allowing choir rehearsals to be held there.

Moreover, gratitude is extended to the technical team of the church and the Communications Department of the South Bahamas Conference. Your valiant efforts made the event a memorable one. May God richly bless you all as we continue to fellowship with one another throughout this festive season.

*- Annette Dorsett,
Music Ministries Director*



HILLVIEW CHURCH Christmas Celebration

The Hillview church invites all to a special service, themed "A wonderful Christmas Cantata" featuring the Hillview

multigenerational choir today, December 16, 2023.



HEALTH MINISTRIES & AHPA

The Adventist Health Professionals Association and Health Ministries Department will host their end-of-year Social on Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Camp Bamivoca, Marshall Road.



GOOD NEWS CHURCH

Mix and Mingle Singles Social

Due to the current weather and ongoing forecast, the Singles Mix and Mingle event, scheduled for December 16, 2023, is **POSTPONED**. We will issue a new date as soon as possible.



2023 Gala Banquet

The Good News Church will be hosting a Gala banquet, themed "A Royal Affair, Celebrating Christ" on December 28th, 2023, at the church. For information

regarding tickets contact 809-4554, or 558-2545.



**CENTREVILLE CHURCH
BEHOLD, THE LAMB!**

An *awe-thentic* life-changing worship experience awaits you at the Centreville SDA Church on Saturday, December 23rd, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

-Centreville's Christmas Planning Committee



**GRANT'S TOWN CHURCH
3rd Annual Holiday Toy Drive**

The Grant's Town Adventist Youth Department will be hosting its 3rd Annual Holiday Toy Drive for the children of the Bain and Grant's Town community between the ages of 4-12. If you would like to donate a new toy or monetary gift, please contact 456-3546. Donations can be dropped off at the Grant's Town Community Services Center on Mondays,

7 am - 11 am, Tuesdays, 7 am - 3 pm, and Wednesdays, 7 am - 11 am. Donations will be accepted until December 22nd. Thank you in advance for your support.



FAMILY MINISTRIES WEEKEND

All families are invited to a special weekend with Dr Willie and Elaine Oliver, Family Ministries Directors of the General Conference at the Centreville Church from January 12-14, 2024.



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SUNSETS
Saturday, December 23, 2023
@ 5:26 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!