



NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE



My dear brothers and sisters, I greet you heartily today in the precious name of our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Today, as we look all around us, we realize that the world is in a mess, and the message of the angels could not be more relevant and urgent. As members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, our message is clearly defined.

Firstly, "Glory to God in the highest," that's what we've been summoned to do as God's last-day remnant people. We must glorify God and call upon all peoples of the earth to "Fear God and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment has come and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and fountains of water. Our mission is clear.

Unfortunately, most of the things associated with the Christmas celebration have nothing to do with bringing glory to God in the highest. God is woefully misrepresented by the intemperance, greed, worldliness, and abuses that are associated with the season. I appeal to you, please let us embrace every opportunity that this season brings to ascribe glory to God in the highest.

The second thing that the angelic anthem offers is Peace and love – Peace on earth; and goodwill to men.

We are living at a time when for far too many, peace and love seem to be like an elusive dream. The conflicts, chaos, and

catastrophes often lead to a sense of hopelessness and despair. But thank God for the song of the angels on that first Christmas day, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men." In the midst of conflicts and turmoil, Jesus still offers "peace, perfect peace."

I am aware that some of you might be battling some very serious health issues, while others might have lost precious loved ones during the year. But thank God, you, too, can still praise Him for His sustaining grace and His presence with you as you went through your crucibles.

I believe that God would want each one of us, as we celebrate this season, to place the emphasis on mission. We bring glory to God in the highest by making "His Mission Our Mission," as our Sabbath School Bible Study Guide for the 4th quarter reminds us. There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save. Let's be mission-focused.

Let us be united in mission. Let every family make friends with at least two other families during this season. Let us reach other families for Jesus. Let us also consecrate our cell phones and be active participants in Cell Phone Evangelism during this time. Let us consecrate ourselves sincerely to Christ so that He can fill us with the presence and power of His Holy Spirit. Going Back to the Altar will prove to be a real blessing for every person, home, and family.

Finally, let us strive earnestly for goodwill toward men. This is an offer of the gift of peace and love in our hearts and among us all. Peace and love in our homes, peace and love in our communities, peace, and love in the countries of ATCU, peace and love in our churches, among brethren, in our conferences towards fellow workers, and peace and love in our institutions. May all of us receive the peace and love that God offers and may we all extend some peace on earth and goodwill to all. "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

My Jennifer and I along with our family are joined by Dr. Cheryl Rolle, our executive secretary, and her family; Elder Roderick Sands, our treasurer, and his family; and the entire ATCU family at union headquarters in wishing for each one of you and your loved ones a safe, a very blessed and prosperous New Year.

*-Adapted article by Dr. Peter Kerr
Atlantic Caribbean Union President*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER/JANUARY

30 Baptism Sabbath
31 Year-End Service
3 Conference office reopens
7 Workers' Meeting
10-20 Ten Days of Prayer
12-24 Family Life Weekend
19-21 Nassau Convention



PASTORAL ADJUSTMENTS

Effective January 1st, 2024, the following pastors will oversee the churches listed.

Manasseh Simms- Ephesus and Exuma District (Moss Town, Mt. Thompson and Rolleville)

Moise Arboite - Bethel, Ebenezer, and Francophone

Kareem Black - Bethany and San Salvador (Cockburn Town)

Raydel Duffis - Trinity and La Senda de la Vida

Jamal Franklyn - Living Faith

Arthur Angila - Johnson Park and New Englerston

Craig Williams - Gambier and Cat Island (Hillside and Seaview)

Wilson Isnord - Grant's Town and Inagua (New Life)



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 until January 03, 2024.



ADVENTIST BOOK AND NUTRITION CENTER

Holiday Hours

The ABNC will reopen on January 4th, 2024.



AHPA & SBC HEALTH MINISTRY Annual Year-End Social

On Sunday, 17th December 2023, health professionals and those with a passion for health, attended the annual end-of-year social of the Adventist Health Professions Association (AHPA) and the South Bahamas Conference (SBC) Health Ministry Department, under the theme, "His Gift to Change the World". Health Ministries leaders, health professionals, and lay health care workers were recognized and awarded certificates from the Atlantic Caribbean Union and South Bahamas Conference Health Ministries for their active service during 2023.

Thank you to the social committee members, the AHPA Executive Team, The SBC Executive Team, the Health Ministries Director, and all our AHPA members and special guests and visitors for participating in and supporting this grand event with your presence and donations. Part proceeds have been earmarked for the Mary Ingraham Home. As we look forward to a new year with new opportunities to spread the Health Message and proclaim that God wants our bodies to be spiritual temples for His Holy Spirit to dwell in, let us remember that this begins with the right choices of physical food we put in our bodies; and let us claim 1 Corinthians 10:31 "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

*Shandera Smith
SBC Health Ministries Director*

FAMILY MINISTRIES WEEKEND

Families in Mission

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.



MONTHLY BURIAL SOCIETY MEETING

The S.D.A. Burial Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 8th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grants Town Church Annex. We've had five (5) deaths for 2020, Six (6) for 2021, Fourteen (14) for 2022, and Three (3) for 2023. Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the society are invited to attend.



2024 CONVENTION

Convention for the South Bahamas Conference is set for January 19-21, 2024, at the William Thompson Auditorium under the theme: **Commissioned for Mission**. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Steven Gates.



CONFERENCE TRAINING

There will be a special Evangelism and Discipleship training for all Deacons, Deaconesses, Personal Ministry, and Sabbath School Directors, along with other Leaders and Elders from January 15-16, 2024, at the Hillview Church from 6-8 pm.

There will be a joint service held on January 17th at 6:30 pm at the Hillview Church. All pastors will receive training from January 15-19, from 8:30 am-12 pm at the Conference office. Our guest present will be Dr. Peter Roennfeldt.



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SUNSETS

Saturday, January 6, 2024

@ 5:26 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!