



FACING THE LION, LIKE SAMSON



Samson was a miracle child (Judges 13:2–25). A gift of God to Manoah and his barren wife, he was endowed by God with special power to fulfill divine purposes. God used Samson to defeat the Philistines, the sworn enemies of Israel, and to establish God's purpose for His people. Samson saw in life how God could give power to His chosen ones to experience His guidance and deliverance, such as when he tore apart an attacking lion, using no tools but his bare hands (Judges 14:5, 6).

In life, we confront Samson-like situations. Life without struggles, without dangers, is never promised in God's plan. We continually face perils and challenges, some of which may be simple and others equivalent to facing lions. Whatever life's incidents and accidents, it is for us to discover God's purposes behind them.

Satan knew that Samson had weaknesses and flaws in his character and endeavored to exploit them. While preparing for a wedding feast to marry a Philistine girl, a marriage his parents had not approved, Samson faced another challenge. A band of 30 people came to him. Their objective was to watch him, and possibly trap him, and carry out their negative mission. Apparently realizing their sinister motive, Samson gave them a riddle to solve as a test: "Out of the eater came something to eat, And out of the strong came something sweet" (Judges 14:14, NKJV). The riddle, coming out of his personal encounter and victory over a lion, was used as a warning message to them: out of difficult circumstances (an attack by a lion) can

come blessings (tasting something as sweet as honey).

We often face in life fierce and terrifying situations. We may not confront a lion, but we often encounter trials for which we feel inadequate and sufferings that are unbearable. How should we deal with them?

First, "fear not." That's how the Bible begins its message on what to do in life's scary emergencies. (*See Genesis 15:1; 21:17; Revelation 1:17, etc.*) Life has never promised us a comfortable journey. Unexpected, unknown, and often sudden, challenges and perils pounce on us like lions, and when they do, they upset our plans and goals. Whatever the lion we face may be, we are not left alone, even though we may suffer bruises. Help is at hand and available to all who claim it.

Second, face your lions with God. Samson's victory in facing the lion was through the power of God—facing boldly and resolutely. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him and enabled him to overcome the terrifying beast.

Therefore, claim the courage to face the lion, by knowing Jesus, studying His Word, and claiming His promises. He can us save us from all enemies, including lions. His is always the victory. Face the lion, aligning yourself with the greatest force you have in your arsenal to fight the enemy. In Christ we have everything we need to sustain us.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY

- 10 Civil Servants and Armed Forces Prayer Service
- 10 CHAM Leadership Training
- 10-17 Christian Home and Marriage Week
- 11 Sabbath School/Personal Ministries & Bible Instruction Training (Hillview)
- 17 Elders Recognition Day
- 17 1st Quarter Youth Day & Rally

17 Men's Power Hour (MPH) at 6:00 A.m. (virtual)

18 Vacation Bible Experience Workshop

18-Mar. 16 City-wide Evangelistic Series #1 (Creole-speaking churches)

22 Executive Committee Meeting

24 CHAM Leadership Training

24 Music Workshop (Music Coordinators & Choir Directors)



ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE 2024 FEBRUARY

Feb 4-10 Success for Evangelistic efforts

Feb 11-17 Spiritual Growth in Families

Feb 18-Feb 24 Mission Refocus Initiatives

Feb 25 - March 2 Pastoral Families



BIBLE CLASS

There will be no Bible Class this Sunday, February 25th, 2024. For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams: lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs.



SBC CHAM CHOIR

Children's choir practice will be held this Sabbath at the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church at 4 pm. This practice will be for a special recording, so we want all members to be present.



BAHAMAS ACADEMY

Bahamas Academy is celebrating Literacy during the month of February! On February 29, 2024, at 6:00 pm, at our Marshall Rd. Campus, students from K3 to Grade 6 are invited to participate in a night of fun while we "Get Wild about Reading." Wear your pajamas, bring a comfy blanket and your imagination!



2024 CRUSADES

The South Bahamas Conference will be hosting two Spring Evangelistic Series for 2024. We are excited to announce this year's first Haitian Creole crusade began on February 18th, at the R.M. Bailey High

School and will conclude on March 16th, 2024. The off nights are on Thursday and Saturday evenings. The word of God is being delivered by Pastor Moise Arboite, who is preaching under the theme, "When the Kingdom comes".

The English-speaking crusade will begin March 31st – April 27th, 2024.



GOSPEL MEDICAL MISSIONARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

ASI, AHPA, & Health Ministries

Join us for the Gospel Medical Missionary Certification Program presented by "LIGHT" from Wildwood Institute. This program is sponsored by Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASi), Adventist Health Professionals Association, and the Health Ministries Department.

The program will be held at the New Englerston Church. The training begins on March 3rd, 2024, and runs through March 30th. Classes will be held on weekdays from 6 pm – 9 pm and on Sundays from 10 am – 5 pm.



ADVENTIST LAYMEN'S SERVICES & INDUSTRIES

There will be a general meeting on February 25th, 2024, at the Grant's Town Church at 6 pm. The Inter-American Division's ASI Convention will be discussed.



SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

The South Bahamas Conference Retirees Association (SoBCRA) will celebrate the memory of Sister Elizabeth Antonio Moses on Thursday, February 29th, 2024. The unveiling of a commemorative plaque will take place in the foyer of the Conference Office from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Those who are unable to attend can view the presentation via Zoom.

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All retirees are reminded that this function will replace our regular February meeting. Please remember your monthly dues as

well as your commitment to this special event.

-Rowena Smith
SoBCRA – President



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Upcoming Event

Women's Day of Prayer – Sabbath, March 2nd, 2024



TRINITY CHURCH

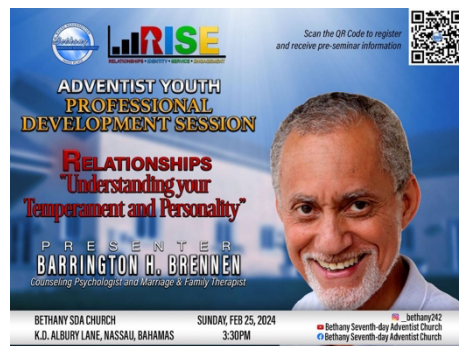
Black History Month

Come and Celebrate Black History with the Trinity Seventh-day Adventist Church located on Penny Savings Bank Lane off Wulff Road on Sabbath February 24, with special guests, The Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Youth Choir.



BETHANY CHURCH

The Bethany Youth Department is inviting everyone to its AY Professional Development Session on Relationships "Understanding your Temperament and Personality" with Pastor Barrington Brennen on Sunday, February 25, 2024. Please register using the QR code to receive important information ahead of the session.



CENTREVILLE CHURCH

Easter Organ Recital

The Easter season is upon us - the time in the Christian calendar when we celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. On March 30th, 2024, under the theme, "Magnify Him", an organ recital will be held by gifted musician, Mr. Jeffery Gooding, featuring sounds of trumpeter extraordinaire, Sgt. Rhon Adderley of the RBPF on some of the musical scores. This promises to be a special musical event that you don't want

to miss. Visitor's Day will also be celebrated, so come, bring a friend, and prepare to be blessed!

-Lorraine Duvalier



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint AYS:

Date: Sabbath February 24th, 4:00 pm

Venue: Johnson Park SDA Church

Theme: "Faithing Against Culture"

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."

Featuring testimonies, worship, drama, and a special guest relationship Coach 🏆.

Topics will include:

Social Anxiety
Academic Depression
Delayed Life Goals
Perfection toxicity
Building a personal Kingdom ministry

*Special prizes for youth who bring 5 or more non-SDA friends!



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SUNSETS NEXT SABBATH

Saturday, March 2, 2024

@ 6:12 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!