



HOUSE OF GOD AND GATE OF HEAVEN



One of our major strengths as Adventists is a unique philosophy of education that seeks to develop the whole person physically, mentally, and socially in a world where education has a strong bias for only mental development. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been called at such a time as this not only to preach the third angel's message but also to teach the message.

We are reminded of Jacob, who was faced with fear and an uncertain future. Genesis 28:11 says that Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. He was running away from his brother Esau, whom he had betrayed and who was seeking revenge, and Jacob was afraid for the future. In this time of uncertainty, he "stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep" (Genesis 28:11, NIV).

But in a moment of despair, sometimes a dream comes! Jacob "had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it" (Genesis 28:12). Majestic ambassadors of God were conducting business between heaven and earth. Most encouraging to Jacob, "there above it stood the Lord" (Genesis 28:13). At the top of every stairway in life stands the Lord. We can trust Him with our future.

This dream was all grace. Jacob was not seeking God—he was fleeing the

consequences of his deception. He was not expecting grace, yet the vision and the voice of God bore only assurances. Jacob could never go beyond God's keeping. Grace had brought Jacob safe thus far, and Grace would lead him home.

What can we learn from the experience of Jacob? At today's crossroads, we must:

Have a dream for our Adventist schools. The Lord is sitting on His throne, watching over us, and the angels are there to minister to us and connect us to the throne of God (Genesis 28:12).

Wake from our sleep and think, paying close attention to our schools and our dreams for them: "When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, 'surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it'" (Genesis 28:16).

Recognize and admit that "surely the Lord is in this place," and sometimes we may not be aware of it.

Declare in reverence, "How awesome is this place!" Could our schools become the house of God and the gate of heaven in our communities?

Just like Jacob, we are apprehensive and concerned about the future. What is the future of Adventist education? What about our schools? Where do we get the much-needed resources? The Lord is assuring us today: "'I am with you and will watch over you whenever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you'" (Genesis 28:15).

*- Andrew Mutero,
Education Director- East-Central Africa Division*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY

- 3 Education Day
- 3 Lay literature distribution community impact
- 4 Continuation of Lay Certification Evangelism Training
- 4 Joint Elders Meeting (Grant's Town)

- 4 SBC Adventist Men Prayer Breakfast
- 5 8 Weeks 2 Wellness Monthly Meeting
- 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
- Jan 18-Feb 24 Mission Refocus Initiatives
- Feb 25 - March 2 Pastoral Families



BIBLE CLASS

Bible Class will resume on Sunday, February 4th, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. with guest speaker, Dr. Martin Hanna. **Topic:** "From Slave to Master of Time". For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams: lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs.



2024 CRUSADES

The South Bahamas Conference will be hosting two Spring Evangelistic Series for 2024. The Creole-speaking crusade will be held from February 18th – March 16th, 2024. The English-speaking crusade will begin March 31st – April 27th, 2024.



LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

A special law enforcement and public officers' service will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday, February 10th at 11 a.m. All serving and retired law enforcement officers, civil servants, and other public

officers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are asked to attend.



PERSONAL MINISTRIES

The Personal Ministries Department is inviting all personal ministries leaders, Bible workers, interest coordinators, and all interested persons to the lay certification training on Sunday, February 4, 2024, at 4:00 pm. This meeting will be held on Zoom.

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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 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. Our comprehensive curriculum covers lifestyle principles, common diseases, meal planning, cooking classes, hydrotherapy, and health evangelism. The cost of the program is \$125.00, with an early bird rate of \$100.00 available until February 9th, 2024. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and skills in a supportive environment.



BURIAL SOCIETY MEETING

The S.D.A. Burial Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 5th, 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.



CHAM TRAINING

All CHAM Leaders, Children, and Adolescent Sabbath School Teachers, and

Elders with the responsibility of Children and Adolescent Ministries are invited to a special training hosted by the CHAM department on February 10th, 2024. The training will be held at the Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church beginning at 4 pm, with special guest trainer, Brenda Walsh.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The Women's Ministries Department of the South Bahamas Conference will be hosting its Consecration Service at the Good News Church on Sunday, February 11th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. This year we will be having a joint service with our French sisters.

Upcoming Events

Women's Ministries Leaders Training – Sabbath, 10th February 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (Venue TBA)

Women's Consecration Service – Sunday, 11th February 2024 at 7:00 p.m. (Good News Church)

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

–Carla Rodgers,

Women's Ministries Director



SBC CHAM CHOIR

There will be a practice held at the Maranatha Church at 6:30 pm, on February 3rd, 2024. All are encouraged to attend.



CENTREVILLE CHURCH

Under the theme, "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord", the Centreville SDA Church will set aside Sabbath, February 10th, 2024, at 11:00 am to honor Black History Month. This will be a special event and we request your presence to make the service a success. We look forward to seeing you!

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

The Good News church will be hosting a Mix and Mingle Singles Social on February 18th, 2023, beginning at 5:00 p.m. It will be an evening of fun, food, games, and prizes, so you don't want to miss it.



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Youth Council Training:

Adventurer & Pathfinder Club Directors: Monday, February 5, 6:30 pm.

AY & PCM Leaders, youth sponsor/elder: Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 pm.

Refreshments will be served! Please RSVP!



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SUNSETS

Saturday, February 10, 2024

@ 6:00 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!