



REACHING AND RETAINING THE YOUNGER GENERATION



And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.” Acts 20:9. It’s hard to imagine anything more tragic happening during a church service and it’s also hard to imagine anything more tragic happening to a young person. But I would suggest this story is eerily repeating itself every Sabbath around the world and contains an extremely relevant message for parents, church leaders, youth advocates, and the younger generation!

What Eutychus desperately needed that night, was someone in the congregation to take an interest in him. Someone willing to sit beside him on that windowsill and keep him from falling... there is another way to express love for the younger generation that will also help keep them from falling out of the church. Ellen White hones in on it when she writes:

“The Youth are objects of Satan’s special attacks, but KINDNESS, COURTESY, and the SYMPATHY which flows from a heart filled with love to Jesus, will gain their confidence, and save many of them from the snare of the enemy...WE SHOULD SEEK TO ENTER INTO THE FEELINGS OF THE YOUTH, SYMPATHIZING WITH THEM IN THEIR JOYS AND SORROWS, THEIR CONFLICTS AND VICTORIES...We must meet them where they are if we would

KEEP THEM...” (Gospel Workers p. 207-212).

Perhaps you’re wondering if there are Adventist youth resources that can help your church grow younger by reaching and retaining the next generation. There most certainly are! If you go to youth.adventist.org you will discover at least five helpful resources.

First, there is an excellent Spiritual Gifts test that young people can take to discover where God may be pointing them in ministry. Second, we have a mentoring resource—which will train your church on how to effectively mentor young people.

Third, our Senior Youth Leadership (SYL) training curriculum will help you and your members become even more effective Adventist youth leaders. Fourth, you will want to check out the Intergenerational Churches of Refuge resource (iCOR). If it’s studied and incorporated into the culture of your Church, iCOR will make it a place that attracts young people and helps keep the ones you have from falling away.

We highly recommend that every church pastors, elders, and deacons study all three resources carefully together. You can also download our quarterly Adventist Youth Leaders Magazine which is available on our website as well. Let me conclude by saying that in every congregation there are Eutychus’s. Young people who are living on the very edge of eternity. This should concern us all and motivate us to urgent and intentional action!

Our great God put this story in the bible so that you, your local church, Conference, Union, and Division could be proactive. Although it is ultimately the decision of every young person whether to stay or leave the body of Christ, we can make it easier or harder for the enemy to push them over the edge! It is our earnest prayer at the General Conference Youth Department that the youth under your influence will be truly fortunate! Resources can also be found on the SBC Youth Page on the conference website.

*- Adapted Article, A Boy called Fortunate, Adventist Youth Leader Magazine
Gary Blanchard, Former World Youth Director*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY

- 3-5 Youth Leadership Conference #YLC
- 4 Joint Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- 5 Men’s Prayer Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. (Theme: “Follow Me”)
- 11 Sabbath School Officers and Teachers Advisory
- 11-18 Christian Home & Marriage Week 30
- Pastoral Family Week of Prayer
- 16 Evangelism Council Meeting
- 17-18 Family Ministries Leadership Program 2nd Edition
- 18 1st Quarter Youth Day (Local Church) #QYD
- 18-25 ATCU Stewardship Emphasis for Children



THANK YOU

Treasurers, Clerks & Elders

The Administration of the South Bahamas Conference wants to extend a personal “THANK YOU” to the Church Treasurers, Clerks, and Elders for attending the training/meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2023. We pray that you receive God’s richest blessings as you continue in dedicated service until the return of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus.

- Administration



WALK WITH NCU

The Northern Caribbean University International Development Foundation is inviting you to participate in a Health Awareness Prayer Walk on February 26th, 2023, as part of its global fundraising efforts. You can register for this event at ncuadvanevents.com. This will help the University in its goal to obtain funds for various school departments, research programs, and scholarships.

BIBLE CLASS

The South Bahamas Conference Bible Class resumes Sunday, February 6th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. with special guest presenter-Dr. Martin Hanna. The topic will be 2023: An Acceptable Year of the Lord (Luke 4:19-21). For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams at 803-9793 or lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs



BOOK OF THE YEAR

As part of a global initiative of the Adventist church, the missionary book of the year for the period 2023-2025 is "The Great Controversy" by Ellen White. Book distribution for all churches will commence during the month of March.

*-Pastor Nikita Thompson
Publishing Director*



JOB OPENING

The Communication Department of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is seeking to employ an individual trained in radio production, and skilled in audio and video editing, and graphic design. Interested persons should submit their resume and two (2) reference letters at our Church Headquarters on Tonique Williams Darling Highway. Copies of Academic Degrees, Diplomas, and any other Certifications are also required. The said person should be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian who is a dependable team player, organized, and able to multitask.



ADVENTIST BURIAL SOCIETY

The S.D.A. Burial society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 6th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grants Town Church Annex. We've had five (5) deaths for 2020, Seven (7) for 2021, Ten (12) for 2022, and One (1) for 2023. Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the society are invited to attend.



MEET & GREET

The Community Services Department will be hosting a Meet and Greet with all community service leaders of the respective churches. The meeting will be

Sunday, February 5th, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the South Bahamas Conference boardroom.



MEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT Save the Date

SBC Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Feb 5, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at the Grant's Town Church. This is an opportunity for us to gather as men of God to get together to pray, praise the Lord and most certainly enjoy a hearty meal together. See you there!

*-Elder Michael McCoy
Men's Ministries Coordinator*



CENTREVILLE CHURCH Black History Month

In appreciation of our African Heritage, the Centreville SDA Church will join hands with our African-American brothers and sisters in celebrating Black History Month. We have prepared a grand musical program, which will be held on Sabbath, February 25th, 2023, during the Divine Hour, featuring renditions of Negro Spirituals by all of the Choirs, as well as by invited guests. You are invited to be our special guest on this auspicious occasion!

Birthdays Celebration

God willing, Bro Antonio will be 101 years old on Sabbath, February 11, 2023. We, his church family, invite all friends, relatives, and well-wishers, to join us on this special occasion, as we show appreciation for his years of dedicated service and commitment to the church. Beginning at Sabbath School and climaxing during the Divine Hour, recognition will be given to this pioneer, as we praise Almighty God for how far He has brought Bro. Antonio. All are invited to attend.



AGAPE CHURCH

The Agape Seventh-day Adventist Church invites you to their Early Morning Prayer Meeting held every Sabbath morning at 8 am - 9 am at the Agape SDA Church. We believe that God has a blessing for each one of us, so come out and receive it. We hope to see you there! A light breakfast will be served.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

Date: Saturday, February 4, 3:30PM
Venue: Bahamas Academy, Marshall Road
The following should attend:
All Adventurer & Pathfinder Club Directors, Deputies & Counsellors.
All AY Leaders, Assistants & PCM Leaders
All Master Guides in Training (French and English)
*Come prepared to take pictures for your leadership portfolio.
*Wear your Church/Club T-Shirt
*YLC covers the 10 Hours Youth Certification Courses

YOUTH DAY 1st Quarter: In Every Local Church

Sabbath, February 18th, 2023
Theme: "He's Intentional"

Objectives:

1. Love God more intentionally
2. Live intentionally for God's Prophetic Purpose
3. Listen for God's voice intentionally daily
4. Lead our family, friends & followers to Christ intentionally

*-Pastor Jamal Franklyn
Youth Ministries Director*



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SUNSET
Saturday, February 11th, 2023
@ 6:01 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!