



Grateful and Hopeful

New Year's Greetings from the President

Of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



Pastor Kenny Deveaux

As we embark on this New Year, I invite you to pause as together we express our gratefulness to Almighty God for the tremendous blessings that He has bestowed on each of us. God has indeed been faithful to His promises for His children.

Today has been designated as a day of fasting and prayer. Let us dedicate this Sabbath, the first day of the New year to Jesus, by spending these sacred hours with HIM in prayer. The South Bahamas Conference's quarterly all-night prayer meeting commences at 7:00 p.m. tonight until 7:00 a.m. All are invited to join us as we continue in prayer.

As we reflect on the past year and the challenges of the pandemic, we appreciate the lessons learned with God at our side. As various strains of COVID19 still loom ahead of us, we look forward with great expectancy to see what the Lord will do for and through us in 2022.

Romans 15:13 tells us,

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Our God is a God of hope. People often place their hope in things such as family, career, health, politicians, and material things. However, hope placed in anything, but God will undoubtedly lead to

disappointment. Therefore, hope in God can be described as an attitude of confidently looking forward to what is good and beneficial, an expectation of good things. When we put our hope in God, the things of this world become bearable. We can expect good things and know that our lives will be richly blessed. Does this mean that we will not become discouraged? The answer is “no” but rest assured that we will not remain discouraged as God will help us to rise above our discouragement.

When the trials of life come to test our faith, we can turn to God and know that He is in control and will see us through to victory. Our disposition in life will be a joyous one. We will have a peace that passes all understanding, and persons will wonder in amazement at the joy we possess despite our trials.

Friends, we can hope for the good things in life and see them come to fruition because we have a Savior who came to give us life abundantly. More importantly, we have the eternal hope of knowing that this world is not our home as we have a home that awaits us in glory and a life beyond what mortal words can tell.

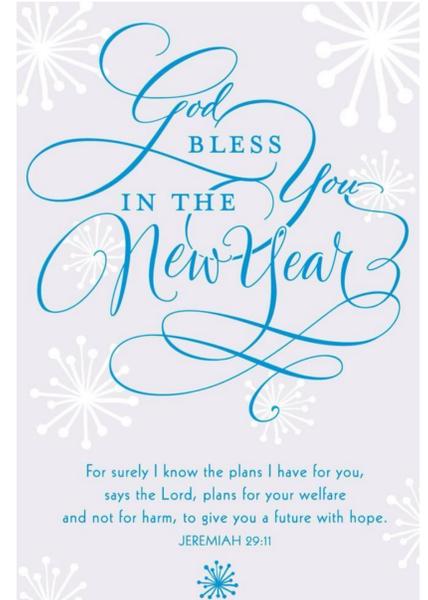
As we face 2022, let us share this HOPE in Jesus with our family, friends, co-workers, and even our enemies. Invite them to the upcoming ***Footprints of Hope, Walking with Jesus*** series with Evangelist Glen Samuels. Also invite them to participate in the Health and Happiness Bible Lessons.

I challenge you today and for the rest of this year to take this gift of hope that God offers, and you will live a life of fullness in Him. Be joyous and courageous in all that you do. Believe that God will take care of every aspect of your life. Accept all that God has in store for you. Jesus is our Hope.

He Offers People Eternity (HOPE).

This article was written by Pastor Kenny Deveaux, President of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

FROM THE EDITOR



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2022

- 1 Day of Prayer and Fasting/Baptism Sabbath/ Joint Prayer Meeting
- 1 Conference Wide Baptism
- 1 SYL Online Certification
- 2 – 14 Local Strategy Operationalized in SBC for Mega Campaign
- 3 New Year's Day Holiday
- 4 CONFERENCE OFFICE REOPENS
- 4 WORKER'S MEETING
- 5 – 15 Ten Days of Prayer
- 9 C.H.A.M Council Meeting
- 10 Let's Move to Live (Launch)
- 16 Women Consecrated for Service
- 13 Year-end Audit Meeting
- 15 Footprints of Jesus Virtual Campaign
- 19 Departments and Coordinators Meeting
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- 23 AHPA & Health Ministries Reconsecration

** January 15 – February 2022 (booked for the Footprints of Jesus Virtual Campaign with Evangelist Glen O. Samuels) **



ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Please keep the following dates in mind:

1. January 1, 2022 - Day of Prayer and Fasting. This date has been set aside by the General Conference for Adventists in every country to unite in prayer, giving God thanks for His preserving and protecting care; and to seek His presence and blessings upon us throughout the year 2022. Let us reflect on our prayers and take them to the God, who is longing and anxious to bless His people.

2. January 5 - 15, 2022 - Ten Days of Prayer. This is an annual event that benefits the Church around the world. It will begin exactly ten days before the start of the mega evangelistic campaign which will involve all the English-speaking unions of the Inter-American Division. We will be having Evangelist Glen Samuels from the Jamaica Union as our speaker for this campaign. Let us unite in praying for the preacher and for the success of this campaign as we prepare for breaking the glass ceiling in evangelism (in the English-speaking Unions). The Ten Days of Prayer will end on the very evening that the Footprints of Hope Evangelistic Campaign begins. What a glorious opportunity for us to do more for God at this time, than we have ever done before.

OFFICE CLOSURE FOR HOLIDAYS

The South Bahamas Conference Office will close for the holiday season on **Tuesday, December 21st, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.** and will be opened to the public, and resume normal business hours on **Wednesday, January 5th, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.**

The Adventist Book & Nutrition Centre will be closed as of **Thursday, December 23rd, 2021,** and will resume normal operational hours on **Wednesday, January 5th, 2022.**

– Administration.



Adventist Book & Nutrition Center | ABNC NOTICE

2022 Sabbath School supplies are available for pick up at the Adventist Book Center. Church Treasurers are asked to bring their accounts up to date before the New Year.



BIBLE CLASS RESUMES Sunday January 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

South Bahamas Conference is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
We will begin exploring the Health and Happiness Bible lessons.

Meeting ID: 964 7121 1890
Passcode: 765704

The meetings will be livestreamed on YouTube simultaneously.
<https://www.youtube.com/c/NewEnglerstonSeventhdayAdventist>.

--Pastor Lynden Williams, Bible Studies Coordinator.



HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Health Ministries Department

On behalf of the Health Ministries Department, I wish to take this opportunity to say from the bottom of my heart, thank you to all of the Local Leaders, members of AHPA, and persons with a passion for health, the wider membership and the Administration of SBC. Thank you for your obedience and commitment to the work of the Lord. Continue to be faithful and be the hands and feet for the finishing of the gospel because Jesus is soon to come. Have a safe, healthy and happy holiday. My prayer for 2022, God's willing, is that you will get closer and closer to Christ.

Health Leaders 2022

All persons serving as health leaders for 2022, please contact the Health Ministries Director at lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com or WhatsApp 826-8486. Thank you.

Let's Talk About Happiness

On Sabbath, May 11 the Health Ministries Department of the Inter-American Division (IAD) and by extension Health Ministries, SBC was under the theme 'Let's Talk about Happiness'. This message was presented at three churches: New Englerston (Dr. Idamae Hanna), Message of Hope (Mrs. Justina Knowles) and Hillview. The Health Director, presented at the Hillview church. In attendance were some of the members of Adventist Health Professionals Association and also some of the Local Health Leaders. The focus of the presentation was on mental happiness and stability. Persons were encouraged to stop focusing on pursuing happiness because it is not found in themselves, but rather true happiness comes only from the true source of happiness – Jesus Christ.

–Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix,
Health Ministries, Director.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Devotional Update.

Ladies, the Devotionals are here!
You may purchase your copy from the ABNC. Please also note that all sale proceeds will be used for Women's Ministries Community Outreach Programs in 2022.

Upcoming Events

Women's Prayer of Consecration,
January 16th, 2022
Details to follow.

Remember to Pause & Pray with us virtually each Wednesday at noon.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions or need additional information on any of our initiatives, kindly email us at SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org.bs

--Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director.



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