



## BACK TO THE ALTAR



The Ten Days of Prayer initiative (formerly called Operation Global Rain) was adopted by the world church in 2010. Churches in over a hundred countries have received rich blessings through Ten Days of Prayer which occurs every January. God is faithful! The Ten Days experience can't be quantified. Hearts are surrendered, souls convicted, and requests for prayer have been answered.

We believe prayer is the birthplace of revival. God has worked so many miracles in past years as we have sought Him together in prayer and fasting. The Holy Spirit has brought about conversions, renewed passion for evangelism, revived churches, and healed relationships.

Has God's voice been calling you to revival? The Bible is full of promises for you:

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

"And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Joel 2:32).

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door,

I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20).

Wherever you are in life right now, God is closer than you think. He wants to pour out His blessings on your family, your church, your community, and your world. Join us now in responding to the call to come back to the altar!

The church will be praying for a revival of personal and family worship altars, that the Holy Spirit might reform and empower us to proclaim God's final message of hope to the world.

It is our privilege to claim God's promises in our prayers. All His commandments and counsels are also promises. He would never ask us something that we could not do in His strength.

It is so easy to focus on our needs, our difficulties, our challenges—and to wail and whine about our situation when we pray. This is not the purpose of prayer. Prayer is meant to strengthen our faith. That is why we encourage you to claim God's promises in your prayer time. Take your eyes off yourself and your weaknesses and look to Jesus. By beholding Him, we become changed into His image.

Ellen White offers this encouragement: "Every promise in the Word of God is for us. In your prayers, present the pledged word of Jehovah and by faith claim His promises. His word is the assurance that if you ask in faith, you will receive all spiritual blessings. Continue to ask, and you will receive exceedingly abundantly above all that you ask or think" (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 71).

How can you claim His promises? For instance, when praying for peace, you can claim John 14:27 and say, "Lord, you have told us in Your Word, 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.' Give me the peace that You promised to leave with us." Thank the Lord that He is giving you peace, even though you may not feel it right then.

Jesus calls us not only to pray but also to serve the practical needs of those around us. "For I was hungry, and you gave Me food; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me in; I was naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me" (Matthew 25:35, 36).

In The Ministry of Healing we read, "We must live a twofold life—a life of thought and action, of silent prayer and earnest work" (p. 512). We have received so much love from our Savior, and we have the privilege of sharing that love with friends, neighbors, and strangers in need.

Ask God how you and your church can serve others after Ten Days of Prayer. As you work to organize service activities, avoid letting the arrangements distract you from praying. "Personal effort for others should be preceded by much secret prayer; for it requires great wisdom to understand the science of saving souls. Before communicating with men, commune with Christ. At the throne of heavenly grace obtain a preparation for ministering to the people" (Prayer, p. 313).

In the online Ten Days of Prayer resources, you'll find a document with dozens of outreach ideas. Jesus invites you to be His hands and feet to a world in need!"

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Pastor Dwain Esmond*



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### JANUARY

- 1 Back to the Altar
- 3 SBC Workers Meeting
- 5 Executive Committee Meeting
- 15 Directors' Meeting

## TEN DAYS OF PRAYER

Under the theme Back to the Altar, the annual ten days of prayer, which began January 11<sup>th</sup>, continues until January 21<sup>st</sup>. This initiative was adopted by the world church in 2010 and allows Adventists from around the world to unite in prayer. The churches are invited to participate locally and on zoom and pray for a revival that the Holy Spirit might reform and empower us to proclaim God's final message of hope to the world. For more information contact the South Bahamas Conference at 242 341 4021.



## DEPARTMENTAL MEETING

A meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to noon for conference departmental directors, assistant directors, and coordinators in person at the South Bahamas Headquarters. The purpose of the meeting is to organize the conference calendar; therefore, you are asked to bring the proposed calendar of events for your departments.

*-Pastor Leonardo Rahming  
Executive Secretary*



## BIBLE CLASS

The South Bahamas Conference Bible Class resumes Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Topic: Sex & The Scriptures Part 2. For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams at 803-9793 or [lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs](mailto:lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs)



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Women's Ministries Department invites all women of the conference to the Women's Consecration Service. The English service will be held on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. The French service will be held on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. Location: TBA.

*- Mrs. Carla Rodgers  
Women's Ministries Director*

## 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. The adapted book for youth and children is "The Great Hope".

The book is to be distributed by departments, institutions, and members of the churches through various methods including, hand-to-hand gifts, door-to-door distribution, mass mailings, and public book displays.



## CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES / C.H.A.M



The CHAM's Department has launched a new devotional initiative called CHAM's Devo, where daily devotionals from the book "Following in the footsteps of the great characters of The Bible" are read by the children, adolescents, and CHAM leaders of the conference. Persons can watch or listen to the devotionals on ATV 658, Word SBC 88.3fm, and the CHAM Facebook page every day at 7:30 am. To participate in this initiative, contact Kenisha Simms, CHAM Director.



## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS InterAmerican Division Pathfinder Camporee



The 5<sup>th</sup> IAD Pathfinder Camporee will be held in Trelawny, near Montego Bay, Jamaica on April 4<sup>th</sup>-8, 2023. Under the theme, "Pathfinders in Mission", the camp will focus on the story of Gideon and his call to motivate pathfinders in growing in Christ. Pathfinder groups from around the

Division are encouraged to plan to attend this event.

*-Pastor Jamal Franklyn  
Youth Director, South Bahamas Conference*



## 'MetaVerse'



The youth Department has begun its memory verse initiative, titled "Metaverse", which highlights pathfinders reciting memory verses every week. To view and encourage our pathfinders in this initiative, visit the South Bahamas Conference Youth Ministries Facebook page.



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**SUNSETS  
Saturday, January 21, 2023  
@ 5:46 p.m.**

*Have a Happy Sabbath!*