



URGENCY



In John's Gospel Chapter 9 and Verse 4, we find those words I must work the works of him who's at me while it is still day for the night comes when no man can work. As you listen to this passage, you would have heard the words "I must". Jesus says "I must work the works of him that sent me."

This is recognizing a sense of urgency. The story is a rather interesting one where we find this passage. It is in John's Gospel Chapter 9, the story about a man who was born blind. In this particular case, the disciples came to their master, and they said, "Tell us why was this person born blind? Is it because he sinned? Or was it because of the sins of his parents?"

Jesus said: Really? It was not because of his sins because he would not have had a chance to sin if he was born blind, and certainly not because of his parents, but that the works of God might be manifested, that God has allowed this experience. And so when we look at it, we find a number of characters, not only the disciples, but we will find the neighbors of this man who was born blind. We would come to the Pharisees. We would also come to his parents.

And in each instance, it would seem to me that they misunderstood what was going on. The disciples were focusing on sin because it was the thinking of the day. If you were blind or some defect existed, it was because of sin. But Jesus said that is not the emphasis here. That is not the basis of what I'm talking about.

And when the neighbors of this man were debating among themselves, is this really our neighbor? There was a debate among them. And then there was a debate among the Pharisees. And then also they contacted the parents and the parents recognized that it was their son who was healed. And now he could see.

But to avoid any dispute with the Pharisees, they simply said, Go and ask him, he is of age. But to Jesus, it was not about these. It was in recognizing that soon time would run out. He would not have the time to do what he wanted to do. And while it was still daylight, Jesus seized the opportunity.

He embraced the moment to talk about his father, to manifest the love of his father. As I say to you today, God has given us a 24-hour period, each one of us. How are you using the time that God is giving you, has given to you? Are you using your time wisely to encourage someone to advance the Kingdom of God?

To share a sense of hope? I urge you today, to recognize what time it is and it is my prayer. Like Jesus, we will declare I must work the works of him that sent me while it is still day because the night is coming when no matter where no person can work. Let's get busy for the Lord.

- *Pastor Leonard Johnson*
Inter-American Division Executive Secretary



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY

- 10-20 Ten Days of Prayer
- 20 Men's Power Hour
- 12-14 Family Life Weekend
- 13 Launch of the Lay Certification Evangelism Training
- 13 IAD Launch of the Women's Ministries "Rescuing Values" Program
- 13 IAD Launch of the "Love Olympics" Program
- 13 Health Ministries Emphasis Day
- 15-18 Evangelism and Discipleship Conclave
- 20 Religious Liberty Day
- 19-21 Nassau Convention

- 27 IAD Youth Society – Online
- 27 Baptismal Day/Day of Compassion
- 26-28 Family Island Convention
- 27 Launch of "I WILL GO" Mentoring
- 28 SBC and AHPA Prayer Breakfast



ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE 2024 JANUARY

- Jan7-13 Family in Mission
- Jan14-20 Success for the Ten Days of Prayer
- Jan21-27 Elected Church Officers for 2024
- Jan 28-Feb 3 Commitment to Soul-winning



2024 CONVENTION Family Island Convention

The Family Island Winter Conventions will be held this weekend from January 26-28, 2024. We pray for our churches on the Family Islands and the pastors who will be ministering to God's people.

Thank you

The South Bahamas Conference expresses heartfelt gratitude to all members, volunteers, and workers for their hard work and dedication during the 2024 Convention. Your willingness to volunteer your time and energy made a significant impact on the success of the convention.



BIBLE CLASS

Bible Class will resume on Sunday, January 28th, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams: lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs or 803-9793.



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.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

On behalf of the Women's Ministries Department of the South Bahamas Conference, I wish to take this opportunity to extend a Happy New Year to each of you and to wish you God's richest blessings in 2024. This year, as we focus on the 2024 WM IAD Theme: "Rescuing Your Value", it is my prayer that each of you recognizes your worth and understands how valuable you are in God's eyes. May each of you be productive ladies who are contributing to the growth and development of your homes, churches, and community.

We are grateful to all our leaders and sisters who served and supported the Women's Ministries Department in 2023 and anticipate an even greater commitment in 2024 as we are "Commissioned to Serve".

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. (Venue TBA)

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



-Carla Rodgers,
Women's Ministries Director

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.



BREATH OF LIFE CHURCH

Thrift Store

The Breath of Life Church located on Marshall Road, will host a tent sale on Sunday, January 28th, 2024, at their Community Thrift Store. Doors will open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, offering an array of new and previously loved items at unbeatable prices. In addition, food items will be on sale. For further details or inquiries, you can contact the store directly at 806-1227. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity.



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.

Meeting ID: 97983692392

Passcode: 020455



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.



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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Saturday, February 3, 2024

@ 5:55 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!