



True Freedom In Christ 2024



As the Commonwealth of The Bahamas prepares to celebrate and embark upon its Fifty-First Year of Independence under the theme, “One People United In Love and Service”, it is an excellent time to reflect on the Preamble of our Constitution.

Preamble

WHEREAS four hundred and eighty-one years ago the rediscovery of this Family of Islands, Rocks, and Cays heralded the rebirth of the New World; AND WHEREAS the People of this Family of Islands recognize that the preservation of their Freedom will be guaranteed by a national commitment to Self-discipline, Industry, Loyalty, Unity, and an abiding respect for Christian values and the Rule of Law;

NOW KNOW YE THEREFORE:

We the Inheritors of and Successors to this Family of Islands, recognizing the Supremacy of God, and believing in the Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the Individual, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM IN SOLEMN PRAISE the Establishment of a Free and Democratic Sovereign Nation founded on Spiritual Values and in which no Man, Woman or Child shall ever be Slave or Bondsman to anyone or their Labour exploited or their Lives frustrated by deprivation, AND DO HEREBY PROVIDE by these Articles for the indivisible Unity and Creation under God of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

It is instructive to note in this preamble, the emphasis on “freedom,” “Supremacy of God, Unity, and Creation under God.” It also begs the question, are we indeed free, and from where does our freedom come?

The celebration of our nation’s birthday is a celebration of freedom. We honor the precious gift of freedom because of the sacrifices made by our forefathers. Their sacrifices came at such a great cost that some persons risked their fortunes, families, reputations, honor, and even their lives. Therefore, we must recognize that freedom isn’t free, but it is infinitely valuable.

In John 8:32, Jesus said, ‘You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’ The freedom spoken of in this text is the result of abiding by the teachings of Jesus. To ‘abide’ means to remain steadfast in, to continue in, to be faithful to. We prove ourselves as His disciples by knowing and living the truth, and then God works His freedom in our lives through His truth. The freedom Jesus speaks of does not come from an academic pursuit of truth; it comes from abiding in His word and being His disciple.

John 8:36 reminds us that, “If the Son therefore makes you free, ye shall be free indeed.” This statement seems direct and implicit. The statement denotes that our freedom is in Christ. It seems that our forefathers accepted this declaration as well, thus the reason for its insertion in our Constitution.

There is nothing like the freedom we can have in Jesus. This freedom cannot be bought or attained by status. No amount of work will cause one to earn it, and nothing can match this freedom that is found in Christ. Tragically, not every Christian experiences this freedom, because it will only be found if we are consistently abiding in God’s word and being a disciple of Christ.

As we embark upon fifty-one years as an independent nation, let us remember that

true freedom is found only in Christ Jesus. This is the ultimate message of our Independence Day, and it is a truth we should carry with us throughout eternity.

May God bless the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the Spirit of True Freedom in Christ!

*Pastor Kenny Deveaux,
South Bahamas Conference President*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY

- 1 8 Weeks 2 Wellness Monthly Meeting
- 6 Day of Prayer and Fasting
- 6 Lay literature distribution community impact
- 7 CHAM Council Meeting
- 7 Continuation of Lay Certification Evangelism Training
- 7 Men’s Health Hour (webinar) – Discussion on Male related issues such as depression, sexuality, finances
- 13 Reach the World: Media Ministry (NOW Sabbath)
- 15-20 Handbells Workshop
- 20 Youth Day (Local Church)
- 20 Reach the World: Ministry of Communication
- 20 Men’s Power Hour (MPH)
- 22-25 SeLD Conference (Miami)
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting
- 27 Children’s and Adolescent Ministries Sabbath
- 27 Baptismal Sabbath
- 27 Full Circle Youth Church
- 28 SBC Adventist Athletic Championships



ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE 2024 JULY

- Jun 30 – July 6** Youth Evangelism Campaigns
- 7 - 13** Peace and Safety in our Homes
- 14 - 20** Peace and Safety in our Countries
- 21-27** Innocent Victims of War and Violence



BIBLE CLASS

Bible class will be held online on Zoom and YouTube this Sunday, July 07th, 2024, with special guest presenter Dr. Martin Hanna.

TOPIC: After Independence- Separated for Unity.

For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams: at lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs.



BAHAMAS ACADEMY

Employment Ad.

Bahamas Academy is seeking to employ the following teachers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Music teacher for K3-Grade 6

Physical Education Teacher

Math Teacher

Agriculture Teacher

Early Learning Center Teacher

Applicants should possess a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education and a Teacher's certificate from an accredited institution. The applicant should provide the Office of Education of South Bahamas Conference with a resume and the documents listed below:

Copies of degrees

Certificates

Photograph

Application form (*Available at Bahamas Academy*). Interested persons can contact Mr. Anthony Burrows at aburrows@sbcadventist.org.



CHURCH VBS DATES

1. Breath of Life July 7-13
2. Hillview July 8-20
3. Grants Town July 15-19



PERSONAL MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Personal Ministries department of the South Bahamas Conference is inviting all personal ministries, Sabbath teachers, superintendents, and interest coordinator leaders to a special evangelism training on July 7th, 2024, at 10:30 am. This training will be on Zoom. All other interested persons are invited.

-Wilson Isnord, Personal Ministries Director



ABNC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Adventist Book and Nutrition Center will be holding its Independence Sale on Monday, July 8th & Tuesday, July 9th, 2024, from 9 am to 5 pm each day.



TRINITY CHURCH INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

The Music, Youth, and Community Services Departments of the Trinity Church cordially invite you to join us in celebrating our Nation's 51st Independence throughout the month of July; stay tuned for more exciting events.

-A. Rolle, Music-Cordinator



UNITED VOICES CELEBRATION

United Voices presents "World in Union", a multi-cultural celebration of praise and divine diversity. This concert will be held at the Hillview church on July 7th, 2024, at 7 p.m. The choir will be singing in several African languages, French, Latin, and Spanish. A love offering will be collected.



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Volleyball Tournament 2024
Hillview Adventist Church
 Saturdays: July 6th

Basketball Tournament 2024

Bahamas Academy

July: 13th, 15th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 25th, 27th



Adventist Track & Field Day 2024

TAR Original Stadium

Sunday July 28th, 2024



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SUNSETS NEXT SABBATH

Saturday, July 13, 2024

@ 8:02 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!