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## WITH PRIVILEGE COMES RESPONSIBILITY



### Independence Message – 53rd Anniversary of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Fellow Bahamians and Church Members,  
As we celebrate the Fifty-Third Anniversary of the Independence of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, we join hearts across our archipelago to give thanks to Almighty God for His sustaining grace. For fifty-three years, we have stood as a free and sovereign nation. This anniversary is not merely a celebration of our past; it is an opportunity to reflect on our present and recommit ourselves to the future God has placed before us.

Our theme, **"With Privilege Comes Responsibility,"** reminds us that independence is more than a national achievement—it is a sacred trust. The privilege of self-governance carries with it the responsibility to govern ourselves with wisdom, integrity, compassion, and reverence for God.

The Psalmist declares, *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"* (Psalm 33:12, NKJV). Those words remain as relevant today as when they were first written. Our greatest national resource is not found beneath our seas, within our financial institutions, or in our tourism industry. It is found in people whose hearts are anchored in God.

Today, we cannot ignore the realities confronting our nation. Families are under increasing strain. Too many of our young people are searching for identity in places that cannot satisfy. Communities continue to wrestle with crime and violence. Many citizens face economic pressures and uncertainty about tomorrow. These challenges call for more than legislation or policy alone. They call for a renewal of character, conscience, and faith.

As a church, we also recognize our own responsibility. We are not called simply to observe society but to serve it. We must continue to proclaim the everlasting gospel while ministering to the practical needs of our communities. We must disciple our children, mentor our youth, strengthen marriages, support families, care for the vulnerable, and live lives that reflect the transforming grace of Jesus Christ. The church is strongest when its witness extends beyond its walls into the neighbourhoods where hope is needed most.

Our nation's future will be determined not only by those who occupy public office, but by every parent who teaches integrity, every teacher who shapes young minds, every employer who acts justly, every public servant who rejects corruption, every pastor

who faithfully preaches God's Word, and every young person who chooses principle over popularity. The inspired words of Ellen G. White remain profoundly relevant:

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men, men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." (Education, p. 57)

The Bahamas needs such women and men today, leaders of character, citizens of conviction, and young people who understand that true greatness is measured not by success alone but by service. As we celebrate fifty-three years of nationhood, let us renew our dependence upon God. Let us pray earnestly for our Governor-General, Prime Minister, Cabinet, Parliament, judiciary, law enforcement officers, healthcare workers, educators, first responders, and all who serve this nation. Let us also pray for our churches, that they may remain faithful beacons of hope in an increasingly complex world.

May this Independence Anniversary inspire each of us to embrace both the privilege and the responsibility of being Bahamians. Let us build a nation where justice is practiced, mercy is extended, families are strengthened, faith is honoured, and hope is shared with every generation.

May Almighty God continue to bless, protect, and prosper the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. And may He keep us faithful until the glorious return of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### Happy Fifty-Third Independence Day, Bahamas.

*Article by Pastor Leonardo Rahming, South Bahamas Conference Executive Secretary*



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY 2026

- 4-11 ATCU Pathfinder Camporee (Cayman)
- 5 Continuation of Lay Certification Evangelism Training
- 5 Joint Board Training
- 5 Men's Health Hour (webinar/in-person event)
- 13 Health Ministries Quarterly Meeting
- 16 School Board Meeting
- 18 Youth Talent, Arts and Worship Sabbath
- 18-20 Haitian Men's Retreat
- 19 Church Music Coordinators' Meeting
- Handbell Workshop, Independence Concert (Meistersingers)
- 19 Health Promoters Certification Graduation
- 25 Youth Closing Sabbath (local)



### PUSH ATCU INITIATIVE 2026

- June 28-July 4 Graduating Students
- 5-11 The Government and People of The Bahamas
- 12-18 Recovery of the Sick
- 19025 Self Control
- 26-Aug 1 Improved Social and Economic Conditions



### BIBLE CLASS

There will be no Bible class for the month of July. Bible Class will resume the second Monday in August. For further information, contact Pastor Lynden Williams at [lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs](mailto:lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs)



### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Atlantic Caribbean Union Women's Ministries Department is calling all women to be a part of their 2027 Devotional Book. Interested individuals are asked to email their stories and testimonies to [2027Devotional@atcunion.org](mailto:2027Devotional@atcunion.org) on or before August 31, 2026.



### WHOLISTIC LIFESTYLE Fun Run Walk- July 12

This is a monthly Community Fun/Run Walk, which is held the second Sunday monthly. Starting time: 6:00am. Goodman's Bay. Come join in the fun and be a part of a vibrant wellness and fitness community. For further information, WhatsApp Nathelyn LaCroix 828-6387



### Wellness & Prevention Health Lecture Series II

Join Wholistic Lifestyle with guest presenter, Dr. Mark Sondavol, on the topic, "Healing the Broken Mind" on July 19, 2026, from 5:00 pm –6:15 pm via Zoom. For more information: WhatsApp: 828-6387 or email: [lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com](mailto:lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com) Join via Zoom: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84423390600>. Meeting ID: 844 2339 0600

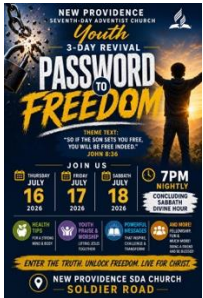


**NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH**

New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church Family Life Department invites everyone to a "Fun, Run, Walk!" on Sunday, July 12, 2026. The event begins at 6:00 am, starting from the New Providence Church on Soldier Road and heading to Goodman's Bay. Upon arrival, breakfast will be served, and participants can enjoy volleyball, table games, and swimming. All are welcome to join this wonderful opportunity for good fellowship, great health, and family fun as we walk together in faith.



The New Providence Church youth department is hosting a Youth 3-Day Revival from Thursday, July 16, to Sabbath, July 18, 2026, under the theme "Password to Freedom." The services will begin at 7:00 pm nightly and conclude with the Sabbath Divine Hour. Attendees can look forward to health tips for a strong mind and body, youth praise and worship, powerful messages that inspire, and uplifting fellowship.



**CENTREVILLE CHURCH**

Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church presents "The Bible Speaks Campaign 2026" from July 12 to July 25. Services will be held nightly at 7:00 PM at 5th Terrace, Centreville, with Thursday nights off. The campaign will feature messages from Dr. Leonard Johnson, Host Pastor Colin Thorne, and Dr. Gervon Marsh.



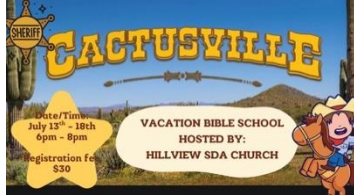
**PHILADELPHIA CHURCH**

The Philadelphia Church invites our community children and youth to this year's Vacation Bible School, under the theme, "Dare to be a Daniel". Youth VBS is scheduled for July 12-17, from 6 pm-8 pm.



**HILLVIEW CHURCH**

Hillview SDA Church will be hosting their "Cactusville" Vacation Bible School from July 13th to July 18th, between 6:00 pm. and 8:00 pm.



**MT. THOMPSON CHURCH**

Mt. Thompson Seventh-Day Adventist Church is excited to present "Cactusville" Vacation Bible School, where kids are called to follow Jesus. All children are welcome to join us for a week of fun, faith, friends, and adventure from July 12th through July 18th, running each evening from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.



**BETHANY CHURCH**

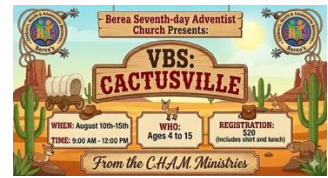
Welcome to Bethany Church's Cactusville VBS from July 20th to July 24th, 2026! This exciting program is open to children aged 4 to 15 and will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm daily.



**BEREA CHURCH**

Saddle up for VBS Cactusville at Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church! All children ages 4 to 15 are invited to join us for an exciting Vacation Bible

School from August 10th through August 15th. The program runs daily from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.



**ADVENTIST LAYMEN'S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES Convention 2026**

ASI Bahamas is inviting all to the 2026 Inter-American Division's ASI Convention in Punta Cana, the Dominican Republic, August 12-19, 2026. For more information call 556-0492 or 428-4251.



**BAHAMAS ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND**  
Alumni Weekend will be held from October 30 to November 1, 2026. Come and enjoy a weekend of memories, Bahamas Academy style!



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SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH

Saturday, July 18, 2026

@ 8:03 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath