



WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HAND?



God has called each of us to live a life that is anchored in truth and rooted in His purpose. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, “*For I know the plans I have for you.... plans to give you hope and a future*” (NIV). It is not merely that we choose a particular university degree or purpose for ourselves—this Bible text implies that God has already chosen a purpose for each person.

This purpose extends beyond careers or accomplishments. It encompasses the higher calling to worship God and reflect His character wherever life places you—whether in universities, businesses, hospitals, mission fields, the IT industry, research laboratories, government, or homes. You are called to live truthfully, love intentionally, and help build up the kingdom of heaven on earth, wherever you are. This purpose is not limited to what you have already accomplished, but also about what you are being called to do next. You are alive at a time of extraordinary opportunity. The world needs people who will not trade their integrity for convenience, who will choose service over power, and who will let God lead their decisions. Wherever God sends you—whether to villages or cities, to churches or companies, to ministries or marketplaces—go as an ambassador of the kingdom of God (2 Corinthians 5:20). Let your education be a blessing, not just a set of letters after your name.

You are stepping into a world that desperately needs healing. Will you allow God to use your hands for that healing? Will you let Him shape your future more beautifully than you could design it yourself? Will you commit to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

If you do, then the knowledge you have gained will take the form of wisdom. Your skills will become tools for mission. Your achievements will positively impact communities. And your life will become a ministry.

What one person has to offer might seem insignificant compared to the challenges of life. But what might seem ordinary can become extraordinary in God's hands. When God called Moses to lead Israel out of 400 years of oppression, Moses felt inadequate and unprepared for the task. Then God asked him a simple, profound question: “What's that in your hand?” It was a simple rod—ordinary, unimpressive. Yet in God's power, that rod became an instrument for performing miracles: parting the Red Sea (Exodus 14:16), bringing water from a rock (Exodus 17:1-7), and assuring victory by lifting it during battle while

Aaron and Hur supported Moses' weary arms (Exodus 17:8-13).

In the same way, whatever you have in your hand today—your knowledge, your skills, your compassion, your creativity, your discipline—can become extraordinary when aligned with God's purpose. When a competent nurse is aligned with God's purpose, that nurse becomes a channel of Christ's healing ministry. When a teacher teams with the Master Teacher, learning becomes a transformative experience. When an entrepreneur makes God a partner in business, society is blessed through fair trade, access to needed goods and services, and business practices that protect the environment, in stewardship of God's creation. When a pastor aligns with the Good Shepherd, a church grows and flourishes. When a scientist seeks to understand the Creator's handiwork, the book of nature opens its mysteries. When an IT professional partners with God to harness technology for good, everybody benefits communities, businesses, healthcare, and government.

We live during times of global uncertainty, rapid technological change, and shifting social landscapes. Your work does not only require technical skills. A life's work is fundamentally spiritual. Those who have learned to bow before God will stand before the world. A fat paycheck or elevated social status is not the measure of true success. Success is measured by service—by what God does with and through you, using the talents you have in your hand (1 Peter 4:10). The world does not simply need more educated people or professionals. It needs people who love well, serve generously, and live boldly for God. Be one of those people. Stand tall, shine brightly, serve with excellence, and lead courageously. Remember that you never walk alone. The God who brought you this far will carry you farther still. The people who supported you will continue to cheer for you. And the world is waiting to see what you will do with what you hold in your hand.

Lisa M. Beardsley-Hardy, Director of Education for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST 2026

- 1 Community Literature Distribution (All Churches)
- 1-21 Summer Students Literature Evangelist Program
- 2 Continuation of Lay Certification Evangelism Training
- 2 SBC Youth Sports Day
- 8 AY Bible Connection Finals
- 9 Lay Pulpit Exchange/Graduation of Lay Certification Evangelism Training
- 12-15 IAD-ASI Convention
- 15 Men's Rally
- 15 Adventist Education Emphasis Day
- 15 Speech Competition (Bahamas Academy)
- 15 Youth Discipleship Sabbath
- 16 Community Service Back-to-School Giveaway
- 16 Church Music Coordinators' Meeting
- 16-22 SBC Lay Campaign
- 20 School Board Meeting
- 22 Youth Day of Fellowship (local church)
- 22 Lay Evangelism Day
- 22 End It Now Emphasis Day
- 23 Back-to-School Boot Camp for Educators

- 29 Youth Leadership Debrief and Reset (local - internal)
- 30 Back-to-School Program
- 30 Children's Health Expo
- 31 Bahamas Academy reopens
- Men's Mission Project to be determined
- Men's Back to School initiative (to be determined)



PUSH ATCU INITIATIVE 2026

- 26-Aug 1 Improved Social and Economic Conditions
- 2-8 Global Digital Evangelism
- 9-15 Northern Caribbean University
- 16-22 EnditNow Weekend
- 23-29 Government and People of the Turks and Caicos Islands
- 30-Sept 5 Lay Evangelism



VENEZUELA RELIEF OFFERING

For the next two Sabbaths, the South Bahamas Conference will receive a special offering to assist our brothers and sisters in Venezuela who have been affected by the recent earthquake. Members who wish to contribute may do so by writing “Venezuela Relief” under the offering section of the tithe envelope and indicating the amount being given toward this special relief effort. Thank you for your continued support of ministry and for extending compassion to our church family in Venezuela during this time of need. May God bless you for your generosity.

-Administration



BIBLE CLASS

Bible Class will resume the second Monday in August. For further information, contact Pastor Lynden Williams at llwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs



BAHAMAS ACADEMY

Bahamas Academy is a Sunday test center for the SAT examination. The next sitting of the SAT examination is August 23, 2026, the registration deadline is July 11, 2026. If you are interested in sitting this examination at Bahamas Academy please contact Mr. D. Calvin (dcalvin@bahamasacademy.org) or Mrs. T. Dixon (tdixon@bahamasacademy.org).



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 on or before August 31, 2026.



BEREA CHURCH

The Berea Church will conclude its Youth and Lay campaign, under the theme, Rise in Hope Evangelistic Series, on August 1, 2025. Join the members for a spiritual blessing and rise to new heights.



BETHEL CHURCH

The Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church is organizing an evangelistic campaign entitled "Voice of Youth" under the theme: "Jesus, Our Only Hope." The campaign will run from July 25 to August 16, 2026. It will be preceded by a Week of Prayer, which will take place from July 18 to July 24, 2026, and will be led and preached by our young people.



JOHNSON PARK CHURCH

Join the Johnson Park CHAM department for an exciting week of fun, faith, friends, and unforgettable adventures. Cactusville, Vacation Bible School will be held August 3 through 7, 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm. All children ages 3 to 15 are invited to attend.



BEREA CHURCH VBS

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.



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Education Department of the South Bahamas Conference and Bahamas Academy warmly invite all church members and friends to celebrate Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education on Saturday, July 25,

2026. This special service will be held at the Francophone, Bethel, and Ebenezer churches, starting with Sabbath School at 9:00 am and followed by Divine Service at 11:00 am.



PERSONAL MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Personal Ministries Department of the Atlantic Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists invites all members to participate in the Lay Preachers Training and Certification series, themed "4 Fields, One Mission: RYSE 2026-2030." This online training program, which began July 12, will continue every Sunday at 5:00 pm until August 30, 2026.



YOUTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The South Bahamas Conference Youth Ministries Department invites youth across the conference to participate in "Voices Unlocked: Speaking Faith, Courage, and Mission," a youth showcase and speech competition scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 4:30 pm at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church. Participants will compete across three age groups: Adventurers ages five to nine will speak on "My Favorite Bible Hero," Pathfinders ages ten to fifteen will share "What Daniel Teaches Youth Today," and Adventist Youth ages sixteen to thirty will present on "Mission Beyond the Walls of the Church."



ENDITNOW CAMPAIGN

End It Now Emphasis Day will be held globally on August 22, 2026. The year's theme is Moved with Compassion. Let us learn how we can be more compassionate, more proactive, more helpful, and more like Jesus. For additional information, contact your local church's women's ministry leader.



ADVENTIST LAYMEN'S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

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!



SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The South Bahamas Conference Sabbath School Department is excited to present Friendship Sabbath on September 26, 2026. This special day is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to Sabbath School as we come together to share Jesus. Mark your calendars, invite someone close to you, and join us to experience the love of Christ together!



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SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH

Saturday, August 01, 2026

@ 7:54 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath