



LITTLE HEROINE OF FAITHFULNESS

Women's Ministries & G.E.M.S Emphasis Day



Today, I will tell you a true story about an adolescent girl named Ayoka who learned to be faithful to God. Ayoka was born in a non-Christian family, but she learned about Jesus at the Seventh-day Adventist church near where she lived. She became an Adventist Christian at an early age and went to church as often as she could to go to Sabbath worship and Vespers and Wednesday night prayer meeting. Ayoka's parents became upset with her going to an Adventist church. They sternly forbid her to attend any services at the church. Ayoka began sneaking out of the house to go to church. Very often when Ayoka came home from a church service, her parents would punish her.

Ayoka continued going to church and her parents continued punishing Ayoka for disobedience. One Sabbath when Ayoka came home from church, she found all her dresses thrown outside the front door... and the door was locked! Ayoka was no longer welcome at home because she didn't stop going to church.

Not knowing what to do or where to go, she went back to the church. When church members heard what happened to Ayoka, they promised to take turns caring for her. Although she was alone, away from her real family, the church people became her new family, so she grew up living with God's faithful people. She also learned today's sermon text, and it became very special to her: **"We must obey God instead of people!" (Acts 5:29, NIrV)**. Ayoka had chosen to obey God rather than her parents.

Ayoka continued to walk with God. Although she faced difficult situations in life, she always claimed God's promise to bless those who are faithful to Him. When it was time for Ayoka to go to university, she didn't want to go to public university, but she did not have money to pay for her school fees at the Adventist university.

First, she prayed to God to help her. Then she contacted the women's ministries director who was leader of a large group of churches where Ayoka lived, and the woman said, "We do not

have enough money to pay for all your school fees, but we do have this tiny little bit to give you. We will pray that God makes it grow into the amount you need for an Adventist education."

This gave Ayoka hope. She had always trusted God would take care of her needs. She had seen how God helped the people of the church take care of her. Now she asked God to bless the tiny little bit of money given by Women's Ministries for school fees. She also prayed that God would answer the prayers of everyone who prayed for her tiny little bit of money to grow—because Ayoka wanted everyone to see that God is faithful to His faithful children. Do you think God answered their prayers? Oh yes, He did! Ayoka always had just enough money to pay her school fees at just the right time.

Do you want to know what happened to Ayoka? She finished her education at the Adventist university and graduated...and she is not alone anymore! She married an Adventist pastor, and they are raising a family.

Ayoka continues to grow in her love for God, and He continues to bless her. Today she works for God as leader of Women's Ministries for the large region of the worldwide Adventist Church called West-Central Africa Division. Ayoka wants you also to believe that God is faithful to bless you when you choose to be faithful to Him. You may suffer when you obey God rather than people, but God will always be with you and bless you.

"Father in heaven, please help me to love You and to obey You, rather than people. Bless the women's ministry in our church and help them to continue to help and support those in need. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

This excerpt is from a story written by Omobonike Adeola Sessou, Women's Ministries director of West-Central Africa Division. (Women's Ministries & Day - June 11th, 2022)



FROM THE EDITOR
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE

- 3-4 Children & Adolescent Ministries Retreat
- 4-25 Volleyball Season
- 6-11 General Conference Session
- 11 Women's Ministries & Gems Emphasis Day
- 19 Leader's Council Meeting
- 19 Public Campus Ministry Sabbath
- 24 Bible Seminar
- 25 Monthly Baptism
- 25 Park & Preach (Joint AY) *Public Campus Ministries
- 26 Festival of the Laity, SBC Music Workshop for Choirs (TBA)



Notice of the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the South Bahamas Conference

Notice is hereby given that the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the **Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church, #134 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas on Sunday, November 13, 2022, and Monday, November 14, 2022.**

Online registration will commence at **10:00 a.m. via the Conference's website on Monday, October 31, 2022, and will continue until 12:00 noon on Friday, November 11, 2022.**

This session is called to:

1. Receive reports from the officers, departmental directors, and auditor.
2. Elect officers, departmental directors, and executive committee members for the next quadrennium.
3. Elect officers of the South Bahamas Conference Corporation
4. Consider and vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
5. Transact such other business as shall be properly brought to the meeting.

All duly appointed delegates are invited to be present at this conference session.

By order,
Leonardo D. K. Rahming, (Pastor)
Executive Secretary

HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

Women's Ministries &
GEMS Emphasis Day
June 11th, 2022

To be observed in each Local Church



CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

**-UPCOMING EVENTS –
C.H.A.M RETREAT
REGISTRATION OPEN
"Break Out - From Ordinary To
Extraordinary"**

The South Bahamsd Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will host a C.H.A.M RETREAT on Saturday June 25th, 2022.

The Retreat for the Children & Adolescent Ministries Department will be an exciting adventure as the children will learn about the plans God has for their lives.

Retreat Registration fee: \$25.00 (includes lunch, snacks and materials). Ask about discounted sibling rates. Registration is open but parents are asked to please submit payments by June 13, 2022. See your C.H.A.M leader for details.

Retreat Schedule:

Opening Exercise: 9:30a.m – 10:00a.m

Session One: 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m..

Lunch: 12:00p.m – 1:00p.m

BREAK

Session Two: 1:30p.m - 3:00p.m

Closing Exercise: 3:00p.m – 3:15p.m

Pick up time: 3:30p.m

***COVID-19 protocols will be in place.**

The sessions will be interactive and filled with music, crafts, games and fun for the children.

– Mrs. Lavern A. Sturup, Children & Adolescent Ministries Director.



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Have you been wondering, "Where did Single's Ministry go?" Well.. help us bring it back! Single's Focus Weekend 2022, July 2nd-3rd (tentatively). Contact us and let's continue planning this special weekend for us! Contact: Bridgette Bastian at 341-4021.

#HelpUsHelpYou #StillLivingSingle

– Pastor Kenny Deveaux, Family Life Ministries Director.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

**Johnson Park Church
Women's Ministries**

Tea Party

June 12th, 2022

2:00 p.m

Camp Bamivoca

Minimal Ticket Donation Required

Women's Ministries District Visit Crooked Island & Acklins

June 25 - 29th, 2022

Johnson Park & Gambier Women's Ministries

GEMS Spa Day

June 26th, 2022

1:30 p.m

Women's Ministries District Visit North Andros

August 2022

SAVE THE DATES! Atlantic Caribbean Union Women's Ministries One Voice...EnditNow

August 26-27, 2022

March and Rally

Details to follow.

Women's Ministries Book Club Initiative Empowering the Mind, Soul, and the Community.

Please see your Local Leader for more details on how to participate in this empowering initiative.

Devotional Update

Ladies, there are a limited number of devotionals at the ABC for purchasing.

Please also note that all sale proceeds will be used for Women's Ministries Community Outreach Programs in 2022.

Remember to Pause & Pray with us in your virtual space each Wednesday at noon.

DONATION REQUEST

Gently used but in good condition
Devotionals & Books

Kindly donate to your local Women's Ministries Leader for distribution during our Community Outreach Projects and Book Club this year.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions or need additional information on any of our initiatives, kindly email us at SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org.bs

--Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director.

YOUTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

June 25 - Public Campus Ministry Convention

5:00p.m at The University of the Bahamas \ UB Auditorium.

For Parents, Professors, Grade 11-12 students, High School Graduates and College Students.

SUMMER SPORTS

Volleyball Season - May to June

Basketball Season - June to July

The **Mandatory Basketball Workshop** for ALL players and coaches begins Sunday May 29th and June 5th at Bahamas Academy Marshall Road from 9:00a.m -11:00a.m. Each church/team is responsible for paying \$50 for the workshop which is for the resources that will be given. This workshop will be conducted by Mr. Tony Williams , Head Referee from the New Providence Basketball Association.

All players and coaches **MUST** attend this workshop if they intend to participate in the upcoming season.

BIBLE CONNECTION MONTH:-

August 2022

-Pastor Jamal Franklin, Youth Director.



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SUNSETS

Saturday June 18, 2022 @ 8:02p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!