



The God Who Sees You



With great joy and hope, we greet you in the precious name of Jesus on this Women's Ministries Sabbath Emphasis Day. Our hearts are joined together as a community of believers worldwide under this motivating and comforting theme: "The God Who Sees You."

This annual initiative of the WM of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists aims to elevate, encourage, and empower women in their pilgrimage with Christ. As women, we can attest that we are living in testing times. If there was ever a time to be reminded that our God sees us, it is now.

Since the intrusion of sin into our world, every generation has been struggling with suffering and heartaches. Everyone is going through something regardless of age, ethnic background, status, and position in this life. David declares in Psalms 33:13, "The Lord looks from heaven and sees all the sons of men." What does He see? He sees our needs. The psalmist added: the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are alike to You (Psalm 139:13 NKJV). It does not matter where you are; God sees you.

Edith Ruiz-Empinoza, Inter-American Division Women's Ministries Director, reflected on the story of three women in the Bible to illustrate how God sees us in our individual and personal times of distress.

The first one was an enslaved woman in a foreign country who got pregnant because her mistress desired a child; mistreated, she

ran away but was instructed by an angel to return, then years later, was forced to leave with the child and only a skin of water and bread. When the water was used up, and there was no hope for survival in the desert, God saw her affliction. Do not be afraid; "the God who sees you" is with you. Deuteronomy 31:6

The story of the second woman is recorded in 2 Samuel 21:10 -14; her two sons were executed because of their father's actions. She mourned their death, day and night, watching their bodies decaying for six months. What a painful experience for a woman, a mother! But "the God who sees you" saw her pain. Be comforted, for the Lord is near to those who have a broken heart. Ps. 34:18

The third one is a woman caught in a sinful and disgraceful act. Her story is found in John 8: 2 – 12. In her shameful situation, Jesus looked beyond her faults and saw her need for forgiveness and salvation. I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. John 12:47

Someone said, and I quote:" Everyone is either in a storm, coming out of a storm, or heading to a storm." God sees you in your storm like Edith. What are your storms today? Are you afraid of a situation beyond your control? Are you going through a difficult season, or do you feel unworthy? Whatever category you find yourself in today, rest assured that your God sees you! He saw the three women in their times of need; he also sees you in your weakest times, goes before you, and fights your battles. He has never been defeated.

A better day is coming after the storms of this life. Take courage, my sister, for one day, after all the trials, miseries, and sorrows; one day after all the deceptions, rejections, and disappointments; one day after all the injustice, discrimination, and humiliation of this life, you will see your Savior face to face and shout: "Alleluia; Salvation, glory, honor, and power, unto the Lord our God. For true and righteous are his judgments" Rev 19: 1-2.

But until then, may your prayer be: Please, Lord, give me the grace that I will make it home after all and live with you throughout the endless ages of eternity. Put your trust and faith in the Lord, let Him fight your battles, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, "The God who sees you"!

- *Sis. Valencia Isnord*
Women's Ministries Council Member



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE

- 1 Lay literature distribution community impact
- 2 Continuation of Lay Certificate Evangelism Training
- 3 8 Weeks 2 Wellness Monthly Meeting
- 1-22 Basketball Season
- 8 Women's Ministries Emphasis Day
- 9 Men's Fun Run, Walk
- 9 Joint Elder's Meeting
- 15 Refugee Day
- 15 Men's Power Hour (MPH) Focus on Fathers
- 16 Father's Day
- 22 World Public Campus Ministries Day
- 22 Public Campus Ministries Day
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting
- 27-30 Youth & PCM Congress, Banquet & Awards: 'ELEVATE BAHAMAS'
- 28-29 Child Preachers' Workshop
- 29 All the Family in Mission Baptism Day/3ABN Day



ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE 2024 JUNE

- 2 - 8 Students Sitting External Examinations
- 9 - 15 Students Preparing for Graduation
- 16 - 22 Adventist Volunteers Around the World
- 23 - 29 Total Member Involvement



BIBLE CLASS

Bible class will be held via Zoom and in person at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, June 9th, 2024, at 6:00 pm. **Topic:** Fatherhood and Biblical Times. For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams: lwilliams@sbeadventist.org.bs.

8 WEEKS TO WELLNESS IN NORTH ANDROS

On Sabbath, May 25, 2024, the Lowe Sound Seventh-day Adventist Church held the district's first 8 Weeks to Wellness graduation exercise. Under the theme "Building Healthy Families & Communities in 2024" Velinda Rolle and her team, consisting of various ministry leaders of the church and two community members launched the program on Thursday, April 4th, 2024. Rolle challenged the church and community participants to adopt three weekly initiatives—Meatless Monday, Watery Wednesday, and Fry-less Friday. Shandera Smith, Health Ministries Director of the South Bahamas Conference, presented certificates to the eleven participants who had attended seven or more sessions. The sessions followed the N.E.W. S.T.A.R.T. Lifestyle Program, introducing one of the eight laws of health per week. Each session included a short devotion led by Pastor Lee Burrows, an invigorating aerobic exercise workout, incentives, a health presentation, and a coaching session. Participants saw some improvement in their health and experienced some weight loss. We thank God and praise Him for using others such as Shandera Smith, Rose Cooper, Nathelyn Lacroix, Deion Burrows, Marlene Benwell, Kim Curtis, Edith Darrell, Bernadette Bowleg, Tov McDonald, Nurse Martin, and other members of our health team to make the program successful.



BAHAMAS ACADEMY Graduation Dates

Get ready to celebrate with Bahamas Academy and the graduating class of 2024. The Secondary Graduation will take place on June 11, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Church of God Auditorium on Joe Farrington Road and the ELC and Elementary Division Promotion Services will take place on June 13, 2024, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively at Trinity Hall located in Stapledon Gardens.

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 no later than July 5th, 2024:
 Copies of degrees
 Certificates
 Photograph
 Application form (*Available at Bahamas Academy*). Interested persons can contact Mr. Anthony Burrows at aburrows@sbcadventist.org.



CHAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Children and Adolescent Ministries department will be hosting a CHAM Preacher's workshop at the Living Faith Church from June 21-22.



CENTREVILLE CHURCH

Many thanks to all who attended and enjoyed last Saturday's Joint Single's Real Talk Session & Game Night at Living Faith Church. We certainly had a blast, and the team is confident that the next event will be spectacular. Thanks so much to

Living Faith for opening their doors to us, especially AY Leader Ce'Lena Hunter on partnering and Nate McBean for A/V assistance. Look out for what's NEXT!

-Centreville ASAM Team



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Youth Department is gearing up for its one-week revival under the theme **Ignite** from June 23rd – 29th, at the Living Faith Church with speaker, Elder Rumeke Young.



Volleyball Tournament 2024 Hillview Adventist Church

Saturdays: June 22nd, June 29th, July 6th

Basketball Tournament 2024 Bahamas Academy

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



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SUNSETS NEXT SABBATH

Saturday, June 15, 2024

@ 8:01 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!