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Guarding the Gifts: How to Teach Christian Stewardship to the Next Generation



This coming Sabbath at the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church, the South Bahamas Conference Stewardship and Children's Ministries (CHAMS) departments, will partner in promoting children's envelopes. The focus is to encourage our little ones early to see the importance of returning and giving back to the Lord. Yet one may ask, "Why is this so important?"

When we hear the word "stewardship," our minds often drift straight to the church budget or the annual tithing sermon. However, for a Christian, stewardship is far larger than finance. It is a complete lifestyle rooted in a profound truth: everything we have belongs to God, and we are simply His caretakers.

Psalm 24:1 reminds us, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." Teaching this concept to children shapes how they view their time, abilities, money and the world around them. In the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) tradition, stewardship is so foundational that it stands as SDA Fundamental Belief #21. It is a spiritual privilege that safeguards the heart against selfishness and helps develop a Christlike character.

By instilling these four expanded pillars of biblical stewardship early, we help children transition from consumers to faithful, expectant caretakers.

1. Time & The Sabbath: Teaching the Value of "Chronos"

Children live in the moment, which makes time an abstract concept. To teach time stewardship, we must make it visible. For Seventh-day Adventists, this concept is deeply enriched by the sacred rhythm of the Seventh-day Sabbath.

- **The Blueprint:** Introduce visual daily schedules that intentionally balance work (chores), play, and worship. Teach children that time is an unrepeatable resource given by the Creator.

- **The Action:** Use Friday evening preparation as a family to teach "Sabbath stewardship." Involve children in tidying the home and preparing meals ahead of time so the Sabbath hours can be fully dedicated to God, nature, and family.

2. Talents & The Body Temple: Cultivating "Charisma"

Every child is uniquely gifted by God, whether with a beautiful singing voice, a knack for organization, or a deeply empathetic heart. Stewardship means using these gifts to build God's kingdom rather than seeking self-glorification.

- **The Blueprint:** Actively call out and name the spiritual gifts and talents you see in your children.

Teach them that health and physical energy are also part of their stewardship—caring for their "body temple" allows them to serve God effectively.

- **The Action:** Find practical ways for them to deploy those gifts. A creative child can make encouragement cards for church shut-ins; a nurturing child can help care for younger children in the lower divisions of Sabbath School.

3. Treasures: Rethinking "Ktēma" through Tithes and Offerings

Money management is a critical life skill, but Christian financial stewardship adds a layer of spiritual discipline. We return what is His because He first gave to us.

- **The Blueprint:** Implement a Three-Jar System—labeling three clear containers as Tithe/Offerings, Save, and Spend.

- **The Action:** When children receive an allowance or monetary gift, teach them to separate the "first fruits" immediately. Walk them through the blessing of returning a faithful 10% Tithe to the SDA Storehouse alongside a systematic free-will offering. This builds a lifelong habit of trusting God's promises in Malachi 3:10.

4. Creation: Honoring "Ktisis" as Earth's Keepers

The cultural conversation around environmentalism often leaves faith out of the equation. However, Seventh-day Adventists recognize that the call to care for the Earth is directly tied to honoring God as the Creator.

- **The Blueprint:** Frame eco-friendly habits—like recycling, conserving water, and reducing waste—not just as good civic duties, but as acts of worship and respect toward the Master Designer.

- **The Action:** Plant a family garden, go on Sabbath afternoon nature walks, or volunteer at a local park clean-up to give children a tangible connection to the soil they are called to protect

The Stewardship Timeline: Age-Appropriate Milestones

- **Preschoolers (Ages 2–5):** Focus on ownership. Teach them that their toys are temporary loans from Jesus, and sharing those toys is a way to share God's love.

- **Elementary (Ages 6–10):** Focus on choices. Introduce the jar system and let them personally hand their Tithe envelopes to the deacon or church treasurer to make the experience active and real.

- **Tweens & Teens (Ages 11+):** Focus on character development. Encourage them to volunteer independently for community projects and manage their own clothing or entertainment budgets, learning the spiritual value of economy, efficiency and sacrifice.

A Legacy of Faithfulness

Stewardship is caught more than it is taught. When children see their parents returning Tithe cheerfully, guarding the edges of the Sabbath, and managing resources with gratitude, they learn to do the same. By teaching them to hold the world's gifts with an open hand, we prepare them for a life of purpose and the joy of hearing those ultimate words from our Master: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

*Pastor Valentino Campbell
South Bahamas Conference Stewardship Director*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2026

23 World Day of Prayer for At-Risk Children
24 Health Promoters Certification – ATCU Health Ministries
24 Community Service Free Hot Breakfast Day
26 Adventist Men's Directors Meeting (virtual)
28 Conference Executive Committee Meeting
30 SBC Men's Ministries Day
Adventist Men's Mission Project



PUSH ATCU INITIATIVE 2026

26-May 2 Mothers
3-9 IAD Spring Meeting
10-16 Students sitting Examinations
17-23 ATCU Mid-year Meetings
24-30 Children at Risk
31-June 6-Protection from Natural Disasters



CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

SBC continues to move forward with exciting progress on two impactful developmental projects at Camp BAMIVOCA and the gymnasium at the old Bahamas Academy site. These ongoing initiatives reflect the conference's continued commitment to strengthening ministry, youth development, and community engagement across the South Bahamas Conference.



BIBLE CLASS

There will be no Bible class this coming Monday. Bible Class will resume in June. For further information, contact Pastor Lynden Williams at williams@sbcadventist.org.bs



AUDIO TRAINING

The Communication Department of the South Bahamas Conference will host a series of audio training sessions every Sunday in June at Bahamas Academy, beginning at 10 am. All audio team members in their respective churches are encouraged to attend. To register, scan the QR code below. Registration will close May 27, 2026.



BAHAMAS ACADEMY

Bahamas Academy is a Sunday test center for the SAT examination. The final SAT examination for the 2025-2026 school year will be held on June 7, 2026. The deadline to register is May 26, 2026. If you are interested in sitting the SAT examination, please contact Mrs. T. Dixon at tdixon@bahamasacademy.org.

Graduation Dates

Baccalaureate Service – May 30, 2026, @ 6:30 pm
Elementary Promotion Exercise – June 09, 2026, @ 9 am

Early Learning Center Promotion Exercise – June 09, 2026, @ 12 pm
 High School Graduation Service – June 11, 2026 @ 10 am



SBC RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

The South Bahamas Conference Retirees' Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Philadelphia Church. All are invited to attend.

-Mary Morris
 Secretary, Treasurer



PERSONAL MINISTRIES

The Inter-American Division will host a Zoom meeting for all Personal Ministries and Sabbath School leaders on Thursday, May 28, at 10am. **Topic: Information regarding our laymen's and Sabbath School Congress.**

-Pastor Wilson Isnord,
 Personal Ministries Director



HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

'Love Those Veggies!' Inter-Church Challenge

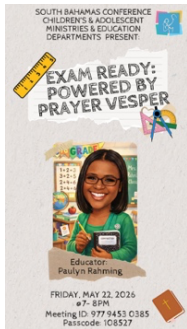
The South Bahamas Conference Health Ministries department invites you to participate in this quarter's Inter-Church Challenge. The challenge will conclude Sunday, August 3, 2026. We are challenging everyone to eat enough vegetables every day! Register now with your local Health Ministries Leader to join the movement of sharing and promoting health.



CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES

Prayer Vesper

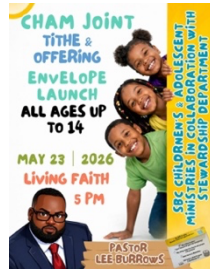
The South Bahamas Conference Children's & Adolescent Ministries and Education Department invite all students to the "Exam Ready: Powered by Prayer Vesper" featuring educator Paulyn Rahming this Friday, May 22, 2026, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM via Zoom (Meeting ID: 977 9453 0385, Passcode: 108527)



CHAM Tithe & Offering Envelope Launch

The SBC Children's and Adolescent Ministries (CHAM), in collaboration with the Stewardship Department, invites you to the official CHAM Tithe and Offering Envelope Launch. This event, hosted by Pastor Lee Burrows, is designed to encourage our young people to experience the joy of giving and will take place this Saturday, May 23, 2026. Please join us at Living Faith starting at 5:00 p.m. as we empower

our children and adolescents to become faithful stewards in the Lord's work.



CENTREVILLE CHURCH

The Centreville Church Youth Department will host a Youth Church Revival this Sabbath, May 23, 2026, beginning at 9am. All are invited to attend.



MEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Men's Ministries Emphasis Day

Theme: "Eyes on the Mission"

Men across the South Bahamas Conference are invited to prepare for the Men's Ministries Emphasis Day on May 30, 2026, under the theme "Eyes on the Mission". The Adventist Men's Concert will be held on June 6th, 2026, at Hillview Church.

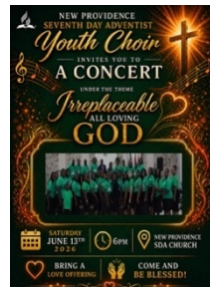
Adventist Men Chorale

All former members of the Adventist Men Chorale, originally formed by Anthony Roach, are invited to attend weekly rehearsals every Sunday morning from 8:00–9:00 a.m. at the Grant's Town Church.



NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH

The New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Youth Choir cordially invites the congregation to a special concert themed "Irreplaceable All Loving God" on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend, bring a love offering, and come prepared to be richly blessed by the ministry of our youth.



REDEMPTION CHURCH

Join the Redemption Church on June 13, at 5:30 pm, for a special health presentation. The guest speaker will be Dr. Floyd Carter, Gastroenterologist Specialist. Bring a friend, bring your questions, and take charge of your digestive health.



WHOLISTIC LIFESTYLE Monthly Fun/Run Walk

You are all invited to the Step into Wellness Fun Run Walk on June 14. This is a monthly Community Fun/Run Walk, which is held on 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.



ASI 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.



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SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH

Saturday, May 30, 2026

@ 7:55 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath