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WHEN GOD WHISTLES, I WILL GO!



66 will whistle for them and gather them, for I will redeem them; and they shall increase as they once increased." ($\underline{Zech.}$ <u>10:8, NKJV</u>).

"As you stand here today, and see the defects of your characters in the light of God's great moral standard, will you not say, 'I will redeem the past; I will go to work in the Lord's vineyard'?" (Ellen White, RH 1889, par.9)

God will do—and has done—everything and anything to reach and save people. God will even "whistle" (<u>Isa.</u> <u>5:26</u>; <u>Zech.10:8</u>) if that will bring people to Him. A whistle is remarkable since it is shrill and travels over a long distance. A whistle gets people's attention and makes them look toward the sound. God is willing to whistle to humanity if that will get their attention and bring them back to Him.

One of my favorite stories in the New Testament about God going to great lengths to seek and reach people who are unreached is found in John 4. This story tells how Jesus heard the whistle of God to go through Samaria.

WOMAN OF SAMARIA

Jesus is in Jerusalem when He hears some news about the church leaders that is disturbing. He leaves Jerusalem with the intent to go to Galilee. Rather than taking the normal route that every Jew would take, Jesus took an unusual route that went through the cities of Samaria. Scripture tells us: "But He needed to go through Samaria" (John 4:4, NKJV).

JESUS WENT

Jesus said, "I WILL GO!" Jesus at no other time while on Planet Earth so directly and clearly revealed who He really was. Jesus was willing to GO to Earth from heaven. Jesus was willing to GO the most difficult route from Jerusalem to Galilee. Jesus was willing to GO to Jacob's well to reach the most unlikely person to be a missionary for God. All because Jesus was willing to say, "I WILL GO!"

Jesus was willing to say I WILL GO the hardest, most inconvenient way to Galilee to meet with this woman at a well in the middle of a hot day, not only to reach the woman but also the town where she lived. Jesus knew that this outcast woman of Sychar was interested in Scripture. Jesus was seeking to bring her thinking from the present to the future, and the temporal to the spiritual.

If Jesus was willing to GO to reach out to this solitary outcast woman of Samaria ... If Jesus was willing to GO the hardest route on His way to Galilee to reach the residents of the city of Sychar ... then Jesus is willing to reach each one of us at our well of decision. When we choose to be Christ-followers, Jesus will then enlist our help in this outreach and ask each one of us to GO to those within our sphere of influence. Are you willing to tell Jesus, "I WILL GO"? When God whistles, I WILL GO!

> - Adapted article from Dennis Carlson, General Conference Planned Giving and Trust Services Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY

26 – 28 South Bahamas Conference 2023 Convention

27 Stewardship Emphasis

28 Health and Hope Promoters Certification

CONVENTION 2023

Join us for The South Bahamas Conference 2023 Convention today! All roads lead to Baha Mar Convention Center, where the service will begin at 9:00 a.m. Children's church will also be held at the Baha Mar Convention Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be a special AY program at the Hillview Church beginning at 5 p.m. Convention will conclude Sunday at Hillview Church beginning at 7 p.m.

BIBLE CLASS

Bible class will resume in person at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church on June 4^{th} , @ 6:30 as well as on Zoom and via The YouTube Channel of the South Bahamas Conference.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Due to maintenance being done on our system, our regularly scheduled weekend programs for ATV 658 will be suspended for the month of May. Please feel free to visit our YouTube channel to watch our local shows.

ASI CONVENTION

The Inter-American Division's ASI convention will be held in Montego Bay, Jamaica from August 16-20th, 2023. All interested persons are asked to call 556 0492 or email the Bahamas ASI Chapter at <u>asibahamas242@gmail.com</u>.

RETIREES ASSOCIATION

The South Bahamas Conference Retirees' Association will hold its general meeting on June 1st, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Philadelphia SDA Church in Elizabeth Estates. All members and those interested in becoming members are invited to attend.

Rowena Smith, President



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEVOTIONAL BOOK

Calling all 'Women of Faith' to be a contributor to our 2nd Devotional Book Project. Share your testimonies or motivational stories to encourage others. Submissions are limited to 300 words and the deadline is June 30th, 2023. We need 366 entries. Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Be sure that you are a part of this memorable venture. Contact your local church Women's Ministries Leader for further details.

-Women's Ministries Department

SDA MASS YOUTH REUNION CHOIR

There will be Dress Rehearsal today, immediately following the Adventist Youth Convention Program at the Hillview Church in preparation for ministry on Sunday evening. We encourage your attendance at this program. Kindly be in place by 7:15 p.m.

-Allison M. Rolle

WHIT MONDAY YARD SALE & CAR WASH SPLASH

The New Englerston Pathfinder Club, AMR Music & Eternal Pages Ministries will host this event at the Old Bahamas Academy Campus, Wulff Road, on Monday, May 29th, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We look forward to your support.

- Allison M. Rolle/Voneil Smith

LA SENDA DE LA VIDA'S 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating A Decade of God's Faithfulness

We are inviting you to be a part of this auspicious occasion, by attending three (3) of our nightly services and on Sabbath, where the former following pastors will speak on the following topics:

June 14th, 7 pm: Pastor Dr. Paul Scavella-*New Beginnings*

June 15th, 7 pm: Pastor Ludwing Garcia - 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness

June 16th, 7 pm: Pastor Manasseh Simms-'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, From whence cometh my help.' **Sabbath June 17th, 11 am:** Pastor Jamal Franklyn- '*Be Strong and of Good Courage*'.

You are also invited to our Sabbath evening gospel Songs of Praise on June 17th at 6 pm, where a love offering will be taken in aid of La Senda SDA Educational fund.

HILLVIEW CHURCH INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

Come and join the Hillview Church as we celebrate our country's 50th year of Independence during the month of July:

21st May -10 June 2023

50 Days of Prayer Fasting & Thanksgiving

1st July Sabbath Day of Prayer & Fasting

2nd July Late Honourable Sir Lynden Pindling Day

8th July

National Ecumenical Sabbath Service of Thanksgiving Musical Competition Finale

9th July Fun Run Walk Our Family Islands Showcase

15th July Youth Day Service

22 July Speech Competition Finals Wealth Management & Investing

23 July Health & Wellness Expo

July 4, 11,18, 25 Community Service

You **DON'T** want to miss this. Get your native colors together and come ready to celebrate with us!

DIS WE BAHAMIAN PRAISE SONG COMPETITION

Criteria for Song Competition include:

- Ages 12 and up
- Originality
- Clarity of message lyrically
- Musicality of the song
- Historical facts/ figures of the Bahamas
- Bahamian lifestyle

- No rap or self-glorification
- Only God is to be glorified

The deadline for submission is Sunday, June 25th, at 12 noon. On July 1st, the top 2 nominees will perform their songs live at a special Bahamian AY service. On Sabbath July 8th during our Independence Service, the winner will be announced and presented their prize. The top 3 prizes will be announced shortly. For further information, you can contact Bro. Patrick Wilson Jr via email @ cellcom242@gmail.com

-Special Events Committee Hillview Church

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YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS Summer Youth Crusade:

Date: June 17-July 1, 2023 Venue: New Providence Church Time: Weekdays at 7:15 p.m. Sabbaths at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Off nights: Mondays and Thursdays

International Pathfinder Camporee: Date: August 5-11, 2024

Venue: Gillette, Wyoming Registration opens for the International Pathfinder Camporee on April 30th, 2023. Registration cost: US\$ 225.00 (Non-Refundable). Payments are to be made in Ecclesia7 through your local church treasurer. Register with your local Pathfinder Club Director! **Registration Deadline:** Thursday, June

1st, 2023.

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SUNSET Saturday, June 3rd, 2023 @ 7:56 p.m. Have a Happy Sabbath!