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IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY RELEVANT TODAY?



FEATURE ARTICLE

Pastor Michael Smith

Sometimes church members ask the question, "Is the spirit of prophecy relevant today?" Now by the term 'spirit of prophecy' they mean the writings of Ellen G. White. Seventh-day Adventists believe that the biblical gift of prophecy was manifested in the life and ministry of Mrs. Ellen G. White. They compare her with what the Scriptures say about prophets in both the Old and New Testaments.

The late Dr. Frank B. Holbrook, former associate director of the Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, highlighted that the "post canonical function of the prophetic gift whenever it shall appear will be similar to its function in the time of the apostles and will carry with it the authority of the Spirit who speaks to the church through it." Thus, this makes the "Spirit of Prophecy" very relevant today because the Holy Spirit is relevant in every age.

Holbrook indicates that the post canonical (written after the writings of the Scriptures, also known as the canon) manifestation of the prophetic gift —

1. Will point back to Holy Scripture as the basis of faith and practice.
2. Will illuminate and clarify teachings already present in Scripture.
3. Will apply the principles of Scripture to the daily life.
4. May be a catalyst to direct the church to carry out its commission as charged in the Scriptures.
5. May assist in establishing the church.
6. May reprove, warn, instruct, encourage, build up, and unify the church in the truths of Scripture.
7. May function to protect the church from false doctrine and to establish believers in the true [doctrine].

The further relevancy of the writings of Ellen G. White are taken from an article by James Nix, the former director of the Ellen G. White Estate, and condensed by me:

1. They constantly uplift Christ and point people to Him who is the only Source of our eternal salvation.
2. They teach the great controversy theme which makes sense out of our troubled world. When bad things happen even to God's people, our understanding of the great controversy between Christ and Satan can help us keep the proper perspective.
3. Adhering to the counsels God has given through these writings result in positive lifestyle blessings for us.

4. Besides the spiritual benefits found in these writings, we also derive health advantages.
5. These authoritative messages give us no new Bible but lead us to the Bible.
6. Their counsels still impact the church's institutions, both in establishing them and in administering them.
7. Within the writings we can hear the voice of God speaking to us--the writings are self-authenticating.

Our gracious God has provided us with His Holy Scriptures and the "Spirit of Prophecy" to illuminate and enlighten us as we deal with the many issues and challenges in these turbulent times of earth's history. We have the benefit of the Spirit of Prophecy so that as God's apocalyptic remnant church in these last days, we can traverse the choppy waters of skepticism, misinformation, "fake news", theological errors, scientific conflicts, and mission obstructions. We can successfully navigate the many hazardous reefs of life that have the potential to shipwreck our faith.

Let's hold fast to the Christ of the Scriptures and the spirit of prophecy writings that He has made available to help land us safely into the Heavenly Harbour.

*Article written by Pastor Michael A. Smith,
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article for the Logos?
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021 OCTOBER

- 17 - 23 Week of Prayer
23 Creation Sabbath
23 Ministerial Department Deacons and Deaconesses Appreciation (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
24-30 C.H.A.M Week of Prayer
28 Executive Prayer Meeting
29 – 31 New Believers Growth Forum
30 Park 'N' Praise (Joint AY)
Communications Leaders Meeting / Production begins for Christmas Broadcasts (ATV)

NOVEMBER

- 6 IWILLGO "Area MP" Local Church
6 – 13 Winter Youth Evangelism (Joint)
6 – 13 Week of Prayer (ATCU) CHAM / Annual Meeting (Joint)
7 Remembrance Day March
SBC Music Committee Meeting
7 – 28 Softball Tournament
11 Mental Health Awareness
13 – 19 E-Week of Prayer
19 International Men's Day (IMD)
20 World Orphan's/Vulnerable Children's Day (ATCU)
Children's Day (Divine Service) /Agape Praise Concert (Afternoon)
Eagle Awards (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
21 CHAM Art Exhibition
24 – 27 Biblical Symposium
25 Executive Committee Meeting

- 26 – 28 Adventist Men Weekend
27 Park 'N' Praise (Joint AY)
Education Day/Stewardship Days
26 – 28 Adventist Men Weekend
TBA SBC Children's Choir Launch
Communications Advisory Council



HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND CREATION SABBATH

The South Bahamas Conference will celebrate Creation Sabbath on October 23rd at the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church. Dr. Ronald Nalin, Director of the Geoscience Research Institute will highlight Revelation 14:7 and speak on the topic: "This is My Father's World: A Geological Meditation" during the 11:00 a.m. Divine Hour. His presentation at 4:30 in the afternoon, "Of Surfaces, Shells and Seas: Exploring the Geological Record" will be fully virtual and followed by a Question-and-Answer session. What do we learn and what should we keep in mind when comparing the past to the present?

Invite your friends and join us as we commemorate God's creation.

Zoom ID: 938 840 94509
Password: 361286

Join also on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/southbahamasconference
-Mrs. Sandra Burrows, Creation Sabbath Coordinator



BAHAMAS ACADEMY CELEBRATES 10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT MARSHALL ROAD LOCATION

Bahamas Academy is celebrating ten years of moving to our Marshall Road campus. To commemorate this special occasion, we will be hosting a grand chapel service on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. under the theme: 'Growing in Faith.' Following the chapel service, we will have a tree planting ceremony. All persons are invited to attend.

To view the service, visit our school's YouTube page, Bahamas Academy.

In this vein, we are asking all church members to donate ten dollars (\$10.00) or more on Sabbath, October 30, 2021. Proceeds are in aid of a multimedia center.

-Administration.



CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES – C.H.A.M. DEPARTMENT C.H.A.M WEEK OF PRAYER

October 24-30, 2021. Under the theme 'Paper Prayers' the children and teens within our Conference will participate in an interactive, virtual week of activities. 'The objective is to engage their imagination and provide a new, practical personal experience to help connect their hearts more intimately to God. To encourage them to make prayer a habitual part of a genuine relationship with God.' Brief virtual devotionals will be shared with our children and teens via WhatsApp, Facebook, YouTube and the Conference website. Parents we are asking you to participate in this activity

with your children as we work together in developing their prayer lives.

-Mrs. Lavern A. Sturrup, Children & Adolescent Ministries Director.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Remember to Pause & Pray with us virtually each Wednesday at noon.

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

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



YOUTH DEPARTMENT

A.C.L.A.S.S. Continuous Certification

Presents:

Adventurer Curriculum Symposium (ACS)

An interactive and engaging 3-weeks session!

For: Youth Leaders, Masterguides and Parents!

Dates:

Session 1: Sunday, October 24

Session 2: Sunday, October 31

Session 3: Sabbath, November 6

*Participants will receive a certificate and NEW Adventurer Pin

2022 is the Year of Youth Evangelism, under the theme "**Operation Break Out!**"

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Presents:

Youth Evangelists School (Y.E.S.)

for Adventurer, Pathfinder and Youth Preachers.

Seminar 1: Sermon Writing

For youth interested in writing, and adults who desire to learn to write for children and youth.

Dates: Sundays, October 17, 24 & 31

Time: 3:00pm to 4:30pm (Miami Time)

Via Zoom! Link to follow!

Register with your Adventurer, Pathfinder, AY Leaders or contact the Youth Department at 341-4021

or bahamasadventistyouth@gmail.com.

Seminar 2: Preaching Training

For youth interested in presenting the word of God in a powerful, dynamic and practical way.

Dates: Sundays, November 21, 28, December 5, January 9, 16, 23!

Time: 3:00pm to 4:30pm (Miami Time)

Via Zoom! Link to follow!

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-Pastor Jamal Franklyn, Youth Director.



Grant's Town Church The Path to Life Gospel Series

The Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church presents, The Path to Life Gospel Series with Pastor Samuel N. Miller, October 16 – 30, 2021 nightly at 7:00p.m. There will be great singing, intercessory prayer, prizes and surprises, but most of all, great gospel preaching.

Register to be a part of this series and invite your friends to do the same at gtadventist.com today. We want to see you there.

Stop Smoking and Breathe Free Community Program

Do you want to stop smoking? You can kick the habit and improve your health. Tobacco smoking is a known risk factor for many respiratory infections, and it increases the severity of respiratory diseases such as COVID-19. Participate in the BreatheFree2 plan to stop smoking and learn how you can become tobacco free and eliminate this threat to your health.

BreatheFree2 is an evidence based smoking cessation seminar that has helped millions of persons quit smoking. This training seminar consists of nine 90-minute sessions and will be presented virtually on the zoom platform as follows:

Date: Thursdays, September 23 to November 18, 2021.

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

To find out more and register for the seminar, you may call: (242) 502-4728, or 502- 4862, or 557-2037.

Sponsors: MOH, HBC, SBC, and PAHO

-Dr. John Carey.



JOHNSON PARK CHURCH

The Johnson Park Church with Pastor Jamal Franklyn presents, "The Rescue Project". Discover prophetic messages for your pain, promise & purpose. Featuring local and international music ministers, prayer calls, trauma therapy, food vouchers and more.

Beginning October 2 to 23, 2021 on Saturdays at 11:00a.m., 5:00p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00p.m!

Streaming live on our Facebook @Johnsonparksdachurch and YouTube @Johnson Park Media!

Invite a friend and join this electrifying virtual revival!

To learn more visit: www.johnsonparksdachurch.com



NEW ENGLERSTON CHURCH

The New Englerston Church will be hosting an evangelistic initiative entitled "Hope for the Final Crisis." It will take place from October 17 – 30, 2021. Thursdays are off nights and all other nights the meetings begin at 7:00p.m. The speakers are Elder Andrew Hanna and Pastor Lynden Williams. Services will be livestreamed on YouTube, Facebook and Zoom.

Meeting ID: 956 8068 9430

Passcode: 354309



REAL HARVEST VIRTUAL EVANGELISTIC SERIES

The Real Harvest Virtual Experience Team with Evangelist Dr. Peter Joseph presents "The Audacity of Faith," a virtual evangelistic series. Join us for an encounter with Jesus. Come and experience soul-stirring singing, powerful prayer, and dynamic preaching. Services begin on October 23rd to November 20th, Sabbath mornings at 11:30 a.m and nightly at 7:00 p.m, except Thursday and Saturday. Services will be streamed on YouTube @The Audacity of Faith: Real Harvest Experience, Facebook @The Audacity of Faith: Real Harvest Virtual Experience and Zoom. Connect with us and invite a friend!



VIRTUAL BENEFIT CONCERT FOR VANESSA CLARKE

A grand virtual benefit concert under the theme "Plead My Cause V3: Going Through" will be held on Sunday, October 31, 2021, 6:00p.m. –

9:00p.m. streaming on Facebook and YouTube. It will be an evening of praise, prayer and celebration with an outpouring of love and God's healing power on Vanessa Clarke.

This remarkable, talented Woman of God who has been a blessing to the body of Christ giving of her time, talents and treasure is now in need of prayers, love and support.

We thank you for your support of Vanessa's ministry over the years and are requesting that you support and promote this virtual medical benefit concert through prayer, word, print, digital and/or financial means. - *Friends of Vanessa Clarke Committee*.



ADVENTIST HEALTH PROFESSIONALS' ASSOCIATION/AHPA & ADVENTIST LAYMEN's SERVICES & INDUSTRIES/ASI

World Sight Day Honkathon

The Adventist Health Professionals and Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries in collaboration with the Bahamas Society of Ophthalmic Nurses presents a Honk-a-Thon, coming October 31, 2021.

Place: Starting at the Old Bahamas Academy. on Wulff Road.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Registration includes a free T-Shirt, water, and a snack.

Discounts and extra prizes are available for the largest group registered and the vehicle with the best eye themed decorations and message #LoveYourEyes

For further information, contact the following; The Bahamas Society of Ophthalmic Nurses at 805-0603, Serkeitha Meadows at 422-4571, and Audrey Lightburn at 810-7762.



WHAT WE BELIEVE:

BELIEF 28: THE NEW EARTH

On the new earth, in which righteousness dwells, God will provide an eternal home for the redeemed and a perfect environment for everlasting life, love, joy, and learning in His presence. For here God Himself will dwell with His people, and suffering and death will have passed away. The great controversy will be ended, and sin will be no more. All things, animate and inanimate, will declare that God is love; and He shall reign forever. Amen.

REFERENCES: Isa. 35; 65:17-25; Matt. 5:5; 2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 11:15; 21:1-7; 22:1-5.

For more information, visit:
<https://www.adventist.org/thenewearth/>



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