



LOVE IN ACTION, INGATHERING 2023



The Ingathering Campaign initiative within the Seventh-day Adventist church offers an opportunity to its parishioners to annually appeal to our neighboring friends in the community to partner with us for the welfare of society. Ellen White includes, “We are to give to the world the light of truth, as revealed in the Scriptures; and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to give on behalf of His cause” *The Southern Watchman*, March 15, 1904.

The divine mandate that has been given to the Church should motivate and compel us more than ever not only to identify the needs in the community but also to implement strategies by which those needs can be met. Hence, the purpose of the ingathering campaign.

In Jesus’ eschatological discourse recorded in Matthew’s Gospel, we see the tremendous reward that will be given to those who would have met the needs of the less fortunate. Jesus says, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.” *Matthew 25: 34-36*

This passage conveys a strong reminder to the household of faith of our responsibility to holistically minister to the various needs in the community. Against this backdrop, I share with you some of the objectives of the Ingathering Program.

1. To involve church members as active participants in the annual Ingathering campaign.
2. To visit the homes and businesses of people, sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ.
3. To share with the public the humanitarian work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Through this initiative, the church has been able to help meet the need for health, education, community service, disaster, and food distribution including famine relief, and similar projects.

As we launch the Ingathering Campaign on Sabbath October 7, 2023, let us all embrace this opportunity to go out and share with our friends in the community the love of Jesus while offering them an opportunity to give their financial contribution. Finally, I appeal to all Pastors, Elders, young people, and our other supportive and dedicated members of the South Bahamas Conference to engage wholeheartedly in Ingathering 2023. With the help of God’s wisdom and guidance, we all can achieve our ingathering goal. May God bless you and have a Spirit-filled Sabbath.

*-Pastor Wilson Isnord
South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists,*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER

- 1 – 29 Club Book Inspections
- 7 Launch of Ingathering Sabbath
- 9 Let’s Move to Live: Fun Run Walk (Climax)
- 13 – 14 Children’s and Adolescent Ministries Directors Travel
- 13 – 15 Women’s Ministries Convention
- 13 – 15 Publishing Weekend of Prayer
- 14 Ministerial Family Appreciation Day
- 20 – 22 Public Campus Ministries Weekend #PCM
- 21 Men’s Power Hour (MPH)
- 22 – 28 Children’s and Adolescent Ministries Week of Prayer – Baptism
- 25 Continuing Education Recognition and Certification Day
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting

- 28 ATCU End of “The Olympics of Love” Program
- 28 Creation Sabbath
- 28 Baptism Sabbath
- 28 Youth Rescue Project



BIBLE CLASS

The South Bahamas Conference Bible Class resumes online and at the Maranatha Church on Sunday, October 8, 2023, under the theme, Focus on Revelation. For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams: lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs or 803-9793.



INAGUA DISTRICT

Funding for the Pastors Residence in Inagua

The membership of the New Life Church is small and transitory. Therefore, to grow the work we need a stationary person there which will require a residence. Thus, we are building a Pastor’s residence. Brothers and sisters, New Life Church is seeking your assistance in the construction of this residence. Your help is desperately needed. Funds can be sent to the South Bahamas Conference by the online giving portal or to New Life Church’s account at BOB # 1611350004323.

-Missionary Elder Winston Ash



HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Health Ministries Department and the Adventist Health Professions Association will conduct a Health Screening Training (weight, height, BMI, waist circumference, foot screening, blood pressure, blood cholesterol & cholesterol assessments) and a Food Handler’s Course on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 9 a.m. Persons serving on Fellowship Committees are especially invited to attend. A First Aid, AED & CPR Course will be conducted on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 9 a.m. The venue for both events is Bahamas Academy, Marshall Road. These trainings are available to all interested persons. To

register and for more information see your Health Ministries Leader or call 428-4251.

- Shandera Smith
Health Ministries Director



MUSIC MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENT:

Choir workshop with Bishop Trent Davis. Thursday, November 9 to Sabbath, November 11, 2023. Details to follow.

- Annette Dorsett
Music Ministries Director



SBC RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Members of the South Bahamas Conference Retirees' Association are planning to travel to Eleuthera from October 27 - 30, 2023. We are collecting items for care/food packages for the elderly in Eleuthera. Items can be given to Rowena Smith and Dr. John Carey or dropped off at the conference office by October 18th. Thank you for your support.

- Rowena Smith
President



MEN'S MINISTRIES EVENTS

Calling all Men and boys to join us for the October edition of SBC Men's Ministries **Power Hour** at 6:00 AM on October 21st. Share the link and invite a friend. A blessing awaits you! Men's Power Hour is held on the third Sabbath of every month on Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 936 6757 8924
Passcode: 663401

All Adventist men and boys who wish to sing in the **SBC Men's Chorale** are invited to a choir rehearsal scheduled for Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 8:00 AM at the Berea SDA Church on Blue Hill Road. "

Save the date. SBC Men's Convention will be held on November 24 & 25, 2023. All men of SBC are asked to prepare themselves for this major event where we will gather and hear powerful presentations, dynamic preaching, and informative and interactive breakout equipping sessions. You don't want to miss it.

-Michael McCoy
SBC Men's Ministries Coordinator

AGAPE CHURCH

Early Morning Prayer Meeting

The Agape Church invites you to their Early Morning Prayer Meeting held every Sabbath morning from 8 a.m.-9 a.m. at the church. We believe that God has a blessing for each one of us. We hope to see you there! A light breakfast will be served.

-Agape Prayer Coordinator



CHAM WEEK OF PRAYER

The children and adolescent ministries department will host its week of prayer in October from the 8th-14th, 2023. There will be joint services held on Friday and Sabbath at the Living Faith church.



CREATION SABBATH WEEKEND



OCTOBER 26 (6:00 P.M.)
Evolution or Creation, Which is True?
University of The Bahamas
HCM Library Auditorium

OCTOBER 28 (8:00 A.M.)
At Dawn We Slept
Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church
Wellington Street

OCTOBER 28
9:45 A.M. Sabbath School
Real Faith vs. Blind Faith
Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church
Tonique Williams-Darling Highway

OCTOBER 28
11:00 A.M. Divine Worship
When the Impossible has been Eliminated
Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church

OCTOBER 28
4:30 P.M.
God Invented Science
Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church



YouTube LIVE - WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/SOUTHBAHAMASCONFERENCE

A Faith and Science Weekend is scheduled for October 26-28, 2023, in Nassau. The weekend begins with a lecture on Thursday evening October 26th at the University of The Bahamas at 6:00 p.m. The weekend will conclude with a Creation Sabbath Celebration.

Sabbath Services' Schedule:

8 a.m.-Grant's Town S.D.A. Church
Topic: At Dawn, We Slept

9:45 a.m.-Hillview S.D.A. Church
(Sabbath School)

Topic: Real Faith vs. Blind Faith
11:00 a.m.-Hillview S.D.A. Church
(Divine Worship)

Topic: When the Impossible Has Been Eliminated

4:30 p.m.-Hillview S.D.A. Church

Topic: God Invented Science

The featured speaker will be Dr. Major Coleman.



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Connection 2023

The South Bahamas Conference congratulates Astra Bowlin, who competed and won the Atlantic Caribbean Union's Bible Connection, which was held on September 30th, 2023. She will represent the Union at the 2023 IAD Bible Connection finals that will take place on November 25, 2023, in Bogota, Colombia.



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SUNSETS
Saturday, October 14, 2023
@ 6:53 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!