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The War to End All Wars



FEATURE ARTICLE

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War is a tragedy — the loss of life, displacement of people, destruction of the environment, disease and other aftereffects make it more than a devastating event.

President Woodrow Wilson, in his optimism, referred to World War I as the “war to end all wars,” but unfortunately that was not the case. World War II, a war in which my father served, followed 23 years later — and there have been many subsequent wars since that time. The “Global War on Terrorism” was launched 20 years ago after the United States came under attack in a series of deliberate and deadly terrorist acts that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 citizens and forever changed our world on September 11, 2001. Nearly 500,000 U.S. troops mobilized to Afghanistan during this period. I honorably served during this war as well as a chaplain at Arlington National Cemetery, where multiple war casualties were funeralized and buried; and later as Deputy Command Chaplain at Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, Africa, which is located in the Horn of Africa.[1]

As we commemorate the twentieth anniversary of 9/11 and reflect on the recent withdrawal of the U.S. military forces in Afghanistan, ending the nation’s longest war, one might wonder if this could possibly have been the war to end all wars. Christ’s words to His disciples in Matthew 24:6 indicate that the enduring war on terrorism is likely not the final war, but rather one of the many signs spoken of by Christ about His soon return: “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.”[2]

The First War

According to Revelation 12:7-8, the first war took place in heaven. Satan coveted Christ’s

position of authority, but not His loving character. His disloyalty and jealousy of God’s Son was at first a covert operation, but later it erupted in open rebellion until he was expelled from heaven.

For the past 7,000 years the entire universe has watched this drama — known within the spiritual realm as the great controversy, a war between Christ and Satan and good and evil — unfold. Satan and his evil angels have used every imaginable attack against humanity, i.e., mass shootings, natural disasters, fires, earthquakes, tornados, famines, widespread epidemics (most recently COVID-19), wars, threat of wars, and more as an expression of his senseless rebellion against God’s government.

War No More

The war that will end all wars is definitively the great controversy. This war will require everyone to choose a side of allegiance — either to Christ or to Satan. Those desiring to be on the winning side must yield all allegiance to Christ who, after completing His mediatorial work in the heavenly sanctuary, will return to earth as the conquering King to defeat Satan, the evil angels, and the unrighteous.

Ellen G. White’s words here offer a visualization of the anticipated, glorious outcome: “The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 678).

Isaiah’s writings further proclaim the victorious end when war will be no more:

“He shall judge between the nations,
And rebuke many people;
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore”
(Isa. 2:4).

I anxiously await that great day!

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FROM THE EDITOR

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 Evangelistic Campaigns by Children
- 25 Biblical Symposium & Spirit of Prophecy
- 30 Executive Prayer Meeting
- TBA SBC Youth Choir Re-launch
- TBA Praise & Worship Workshop (proposed)

OCTOBER

- 2 The Pink Impact (WM & Health) IWILLGO: “Cancer Patient/Survivor” Local Church Day of Prayer and Fasting/All Night Prayer Meeting (7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.)
- 7 IWILLGO: “Church Community” Local Church
- 9 IAD ONLINE AY
- 10 Pathfinder Exhibition
- 11 Let’s Move to Live Fun Run
- 10 – 16 C.H.A.M Week of Prayer
- 15 – 16 SBC WM Conclave
- 15 – 17 Public Campus Ministries Weekend
- 16 Spirit of Prophecy Day
- 17 Father and Children Summit
- 17 - 23 Week of Prayer
- 21 Creation Sabbath
- 23 Ministerial Department Deacons and Deaconesses Appreciation (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
- 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)

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT Job Opening at Bahamas Academy

Bahamas Academy is seeking the services of a Music teacher for Grades 7-12. The successful candidate must be a trained teacher with a bachelors degree in the subject area.

At least 5 years teaching experience would be an asset. Interested persons may submit applications to aburrows@sbcadventist.org.bs by October 1, 2021.

-Elder Anthony Burrows, Education Director.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Pause & Pray Special Edition

September 29th, 2021 – 12:00p.m - 12:30p.m.

Prayer Focus: Teachers and Students

Zoom ID: 98113813577

Password: 094045

Save The Date

Women's Ministries 2021 Virtual Conclave
October 15-17th, 2021

**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.bs

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



YOUTH DEPARTMENT WORLD PATHFINDER DAY HELD – SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

Under the theme, IWillGo, Pathfinders from across our Family Islands and Nassau enthusiastically preached in the pulpits of their local churches and virtually on church social media platforms. The messages energized pathfinders, parents and members to go on God's Mission. The evening culminated with a drama presentation on David and Goliath, music and preaching from Pathfinders Waydeja Rolle from Exuma and Jonathan Dixon from Philadelphia Pathfinder Clubs.

-Pastor Jamal Franklyn, Youth Director.



HILLVIEW CHURCH EVANGELISTIC RETENTION TRAINING Begun September 4th and continues until September 25th, 2021 @3:00p.m - 5:30 p.m.

Purpose of Training: To train and equip new and old members for evangelism.

Presenters include

Pastor Peter Joseph - Lay Preaching and Bible Counseling

Pastor T. Basil Sturupp - Community Service Evangelism

Pastor Michael Toote - Pulpit Decorum

Pastor Jon Dorsett - Prayer Evangelism

Dr. Alphaeus Allick - Health Evangelism

Anthony Czaja - Backyard Farming (Floralia Gardens)

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Password: Gd9pvC

All Churches Are Invited to Attend.



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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.



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WHAT WE BELIEVE: BELIEF 24: CHRIST'S MINISTRY IN THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY

There is a sanctuary in heaven, the true tabernacle that the Lord set up and not humans. In it Christ ministers on our behalf, making available to believers the benefits of His atoning sacrifice offered once for all on the cross. At His

ascension, He was inaugurated as our great High Priest and, began His intercessory ministry, which was typified by the work of the high priest in the holy place of the earthly sanctuary. In 1844, at the end of the prophetic period of 2300 days, He entered the second and last phase of His atoning ministry, which was typified by the work of the high priest in the most holy place of the earthly sanctuary. It is a work of investigative judgment which is part of the ultimate disposition of all sin, typified by the cleansing of the ancient Hebrew sanctuary on the Day of Atonement. In that typical service the sanctuary was cleansed with the blood of animal sacrifices, but the heavenly things are purified with the perfect sacrifice of the blood of Jesus. The investigative judgment reveals to heavenly intelligences who among the dead are asleep in Christ and therefore, in Him, are deemed worthy to have part in the first resurrection. It also makes manifest who among the living are abiding in Christ, keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and in Him, therefore, are ready for translation into His everlasting kingdom. This judgment vindicates the justice of God in saving those who believe in Jesus. It declares that those who have remained loyal to God shall receive the kingdom. The completion of this ministry of Christ will mark the close of human probation before the Second Advent.

REFERENCES: Lev. 16; Num. 14:34; Ezek. 4:6; Dan. 7:9-27; 8:13, 14; 9:24-27; Heb. 1:3; 2:16, 17; 4:14-16; 8:1-5; 9:11-28; 10:19-22; Rev. 8:3-5; 11:19; 14:6, 7; 20:12; 14:12; 22:11, 12.

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