

THE LOGOS



Christ, Our Only Hope

“Lord Transform Me”

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MEN, CHOOSE YOUR PEER



Peer pressure is something we used to associate with children and young people, but today, most of us even in adulthood can be honest and say it exists in our everyday lives. So many people and things are fighting for our attention and we sometimes allow the important things to lose and die due to lack of love, care, and attention. We yield and give in to the PEERS and the pressure and become people who encourage errors, rudeness & stupidity.

As men, we are looked on to be leaders, protectors, and teachers. We should connect with our families and be there for them, loving, caring for and supporting them. God ordained us to be leaders and our families are looking to us to lead and protect them. Our wives, children, church and society are all depending on us to lead the way and various scripture speak of this leadership skill we often talk about.

“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body.”

--Ephesians 5:23

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

--Ephesians 6: 4

In the book *Adventist Home*, we are reminded about the Family Firm. “The husband and father is the head of the household. The wife looks to him for love and sympathy and for the training of the children; and this is right. The children are his as well as hers, and he is equally interested in their welfare. The children look to the father for support and guidance; he needs to have a right conception of life and influences and associations that should surround the family; above all, he should be controlled by love and fear of God and the teaching of His word, that he may guide the feet of his children in the right way.” --AH211.4

Fathers, there may be something you are lacking in a certain area, seek advice from a trusted friend or a professional and let's get it right and take our families to new heights. Don't sit idly by and say, “I can't do this”, because, **You Can!** As fathers, let's ensure that our homes are happy, let's not allow other things to overshadow our family. Let us enter our homes with pleasant words and a smile daily. We should never give up our responsibility of being a father and allow our children to go uncared for and to live a terrible life.

Ellen White in her book *Education* states, “The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its

right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.”

Today, the appeal is for all men to follow the counsel given to us by God who loved us so much he gave everything so that we could be reconciled to Him; and be the PEERS who are **People Encouraging Efficiency, Respect, and Success.**

Elder Curtis Bryan, Adventist Men Coordinator, South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.



CONFERENCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE DECEMBER

- 1: Public Christian Witness
- 7: 2019 Curacao, IAD Bible Connection Finals
- 7: Stewardship Emphasis Day
- 7: Mission Transform 242: Local Church AY Distributes used shoes, clothing, bags, books devotional in good condition to charities
- 8: Pathfinder Band Concert
- 8 - 9: Cayman Island Conference Session
- 7 - 12: Personal Evangelism and Leadership Council – PELC (Seminar at Oakwood University)
- 13 - 15: Winter Youth Retreats Youth Day and Youth Banquets (Local Churches) PM - Adventurer and Pathfinder Congress
- 14: Health Emphasis Day
- 15: Local Church/AY Banquets
- 19: Conference Office Closes for Holidays



ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

The Executive Committee, Administration, Departmental Directors, Pastors, Office Staff and our Educational System, would like to express our profound congratulations to Pastor Barrington Brennen on his recent retirement from the workforce, after serving for 40 years.

We wish to thank Pastor Brennen for his ministry and unique style of leadership. His faithfulness, dedication and the numerous seeds he has planted in the lives of God's children is admirable. We pray the very best for Pastor Brennen and that God would continue to bless him and his entire family abundantly, and that they may enjoy the gift of life in the years ahead.



CONVENTION TIME

Under the theme, “Christ, Our Soon Coming King”, the Administration, Executive Committee, Directors, and Pastors of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists invites you to join us in Convention 2020. January 10-12, 2020 will be an unforgettable worship experience where Jesus Christ will be lifted up. Our guest speaker for these meetings will be Pastor Debleaire Snell of First Seventh-day Adventist Church, Huntsville, Alabama. Plan now to be there!

ANNUAL MEETING

Please note that Annual Meeting will be held on January 12, 2019. Please WATCH HERE for further details. Venue: To be decided.



FAMILY ISLAND CONVENTION January 17 – 19

Long Island: Pastor Kenny Deveaux
Inagua: Pastor Peter Joseph

- Eleuthera: Pastor Leonardo Rahming
- Exuma: Bro. Okell Damastus / Sis. Nathelyn Lacroix
- Cat Island: Pastor Nikita Thompson
- San Salvador: Sis. Kimberly Bryan / Elder Curtis Bryan
- Mayaguana: Pastor Valentino Campbell
- Crooked Island/Acklins: Pastor Jamal Franklyn / Bro. Michael Toote Jr. (February 5–8, 2020)
- South Andros: Pastor T. Basil Sturupp / Sis. Lavern Sturupp / Sis. Cindy Stuart
- North Andros: Elder Anthony Burrows / Sis. Jacquelyn Gibson



EVERY ELDER INVOLVED CERTIFICATION

All Elders in the South Bahamas Conference are asked to attend a very important meeting on Monday December 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m at the Grant's Town Church, Wellington Street for a very important meeting. Information on the *Every Elder Involved Certification 2020* as well as other significance matters will be discussed. -- T. Basil Sturupp, Ministerial Secretary.



ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, December 8– 14, 2019: *Preservation of Strong Family Values.*



ADVENTIST LAYMEN'S SERVICES & INDUSTRIES/ ASI General Meeting

An urgent meeting will be held on Sunday December 8, 2019 at 5:30p.m. at the New Providence Church for all ASI members and those wishing to become members. Please be present and punctual. --Ms. Shandera Smith, ASI Secretary.



BAHAMAS ACADEMY

Presents 'A Star Is Born' on Tuesday December 10, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at #73 Marshall Road. Tickets are available at the school for adults and children. Please come and join us. -- Mrs. Juliette Sands, Principal.



COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT UPCOMING TRAINING

There will be training on the Digital Mixer Board for local church media teams and persons interested in serving in this area on January 26 & February 2, 2020 with Mr. Dwayne Roberts, Professional Audio Engineer. All local Communication leaders are asked to submit the names of team members that will be attending by January 13, 2020. --Mrs. Lavern Sturupp, Communication Director.



HEALTH MINISTRIES 8 Weeks to Wellness 2020

8 Weeks to Wellness 2020 under the theme 'I Choose to Live Healthy' is scheduled to begin on February 3, 2020 at the New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church. Come and learn how to manage and prevent illness physically, mentally and spiritually. God can do more with healthy people.

8 Weeks to Wellness Training

All persons interested in volunteering as a coach or any other area for 8 Weeks to Wellness 2020 are invited to a meeting on December 10, 2019 at 5:30p.m at the South Bahamas Conference headquarters. —Mrs. Nathelyn Lacroix, Health Ministries Director.

HEALTH BEHAVIOUR CHANGE SEMINAR

The Adventist Health Professionals Association will be conducting a seminar under the Theme 'Health Behaviour Change'. All medical and non-medical personnel are invited. Continuing Education Units (CEU) will be awarded. AHPA financial members are free, all others will be required to give a small donation. For registration and more information, kindly contact Dr. Monique Mitchell at 601-1392 or Mrs. Rosemary Cooper at 455-2373.

Psychological First Aid Certification

The Pan American Health Organization is offering a **free virtual course** in Psychological First Aid (PFA) in disaster management in the Caribbean. The Psychological First Aid (PFA) course is a ten-hour self-paced training. It aims to equip lay persons with the tools to appropriately provide the initial response to individuals experiencing psychological distress secondary to crisis situations.

Click on this link to register: <https://caribbean.campusvirtualsp.org/>

For further information, Whatsapp Nathelyn LaCroix at 826-8486 or email Lifestylecounselor64@gmail.com -- Mrs. Nathelyn Lacroix, Health Ministries Director.

SIMPLE REMEDIES AND PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE SEMINAR - UCHEE PINES 2020

All persons interested in attending a **Simple Remedies and Preventative Medicine Seminar** on March 22-26, 2020 at Uchee Pines in Seale, Alabama can register at the following link:

<https://www.ucheeepines.org/seminars/simple-remedies-preventive-medicine/>

For further information, please contact Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610 or Whatsapp 826-8486. --Mrs. Nathelyn Lacroix, Health Ministries Director.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Fourth Quarter (October - December)

"WE" (Women Empowerment) – Q4

Forecast:

December 2019

7 - Zone 4 Women's Ministries Community Outreach – Mt. Thompson, Exuma

8 - Hillview Women's Ministries Royal Fall Tea Party

15 – New Providence Women's Ministries & GEMS End of Year Soiree

15 – GEMS Year-end Visit to The Children's Emergency Hostel

18 – Year-end Visit to Willamae Pratt Home for Girls

Warfare Wednesdays

The Women's Ministries Department extends an invitation all women in the South Bahamas Conference to take a minute to 'pause and pray' with us at 12 noon each Wednesday. This collective effort not only enrich our prayer lives, but the results of these unified prayers are unmeasurable. You may contact your local leader for more information on this wonderful initiative.

DONATION REQUEST

Used, But In

Good Condition Devotionals

Kindly donate to your local Women's Ministries Leader for distribution during our community outreach projects. --Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director.



SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE MUSIC MINISTRIES

Rehearsals for the newly organized SBC Youth Choir, for persons ages 15 – 30 years, continues at the Agape Church, Wulff Road, this Sunday and every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to be a part of this dynamic Youth Choir. --Mrs. Annette Dorsett, Music Ministries Coordinator.



SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE RETIRES' ASSOCIATION (SOBCRA) NOTICE

A general meeting of the South Bahamas Conference Retirees' Association will be held on Thursday, 12th December 2019 at 11:00a.m. at the Philadelphia Church, Fellowship Hall. All members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting as new Officers will be elected to hold office for the next ensuing period. - Sis. Esther Vincent, Secretary/Treasurer.



YOUTH DEPARTMENT TIDBITS PATHFINDER

INVESTITURE DATES:

December 7 - New Englerston & Ephesus Pathfinder Clubs

December 14 - Philadelphia, Mangrove Cay

Johnson Park & Francophone Pathfinder Clubs

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT DATES

December 6-8 - Good News Youth Retreat

December 14 - New Providence Youth Retreat

PATHFINDER BAND CONCERT

The South Bahamas Conference Pathfinder Band presents 'Christmas Bells are Ringing,' an evening of melodious Christmas favorites on Sunday December 8, 2019 at the Good News Church beginning at 7:00p.m. Special guest musicians include Dr. Floyd Carter, Mr. Lemuel Johnson, the Hillview Band and so much more. A special love offering will be lifted to assist the band with purchasing more instruments. Food will also be on sale. See you there!!

ADVENTIST YOUTH AWARDS

Date: Sunday, December 15, 2019

Venue: Breezes Hotel & Resort

Time: 5:30 p.m Tickets: \$60.00

Meals: All you can eat buffet!

Option A: Tickets can be purchased at the ABNC

Option B: Pathfinder AY Leader or Youth Department office

Option C: Churches can pay to reserve tables.

MEETING NOTICE

Adventurer & Pathfinder Directors End of Year Meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019 6: 00p.m at the Conference Office.

AY Leaders End of Year Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 6: 00p.m at the Conference Office. --Pastor Jamal Franklyn, Adventist Youth Ministries Director.

BEREA'S HEALTH DAY

All are invited to be a part of Berea Church's Health weekend under the theme 'Total Health - Physically, Emotionally and Spiritually' on December 14 – 15, 2019. Screenings for blood pressure, glucose and muscle and fat analyses will be done at 8.30a.m on Sabbath morning and 7: 30a.m on Sunday morning. Exercise classes will also take place on Sunday morning. Come out and be blessed. – Eugenie Green, Health Leader.



EPHESUS MUSIC MINISTRY

Ephesus Church invites you to join us for our Annual Music Emphasis Sabbath, which will be held on December 14, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. under the theme: 'We Worship because....'. Our invited guests include Harmonious Praise, Carrington McKenzie among other artists will minister on this special day as we worship God just because... --Dr. Floyd Carter.



HILLVIEW CHURCH

The Hillview Sanctuary Choir presents 'Joy Has Dawned' a musical with a centralized message of hope and joy for all. Come and join us on Sabbath, December 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m as we celebrate Christ our King! – Mrs. Latoya Burrows, Choir Director.

HILLVIEW WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEA PARTY

With the Christmas Chill in the Air,

We Invite You to Warm Up

And Join us for a

Fall Tea Party & Dinner

under the theme:

"Daughters of The King:

Your Everyday Fascinating Ladies"

Honoring Some of

Hillview's Fascinating Ladies.

Hosted by Hillview Women's Ministries

Sunday December 8, 2019

Location: The Castle, Westridge

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Guest speaker: Sis. Phyllis Woodside

Call 357-8030 For Tickets (Cost - \$20.00)



LIVING FAITH CHURCH

The Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church Children's Choir invites you to join with them in grateful hearts at their Christmas Concert, "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing" on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church on Old Trail Road.

Tickets are available from the Choir Leaders, Sis. Kim Knowles and Sis. Laura Ginton at a minimal cost. – Mrs. Vesta M. Williams, Church Clerk.



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SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
December 14, 2019 AT 5:22p.m.