



## Seven Witnessing Styles to Attract Persons to Christ

Learn how witnessing means giving the fish the bait they like, not the bait you like.



My wife, Judi, and I lived in a rental home in the Northpointe subdivision in Florida, United States, while we

awaited the construction of our new home across the causeway in Pace, Florida. The week before the big move, we had a garage sale to discard our unwanted belongings. As I sat in a lawn chair in the driveway watching people pull up to the curb and rummage through our stuff, it dawned on me that many of these people were our own neighbors, but I did not even know their names. That is when God gently implored, “David, you’ve lived in this neighborhood for twelve months. You’ve driven past these homes hundreds of times to conduct preaching services and board meetings, visit parishioners, and give Bible studies across town, but not once have you walked across the property line to get acquainted with your neighbors!” Right then and there I confessed, “God, You’re right. Please give me another chance. Show me how to be a better witness for You.”

### CHRISTIANS’ RELUCTANCE TO WITNESS

Just before Jesus ascended to the Father, He challenged His church to “go and make disciples” (Matt. 28:19, NIV). This work of leading others to Jesus is the highest priority of Christ’s followers. Yet, let’s be candid; it is one of the hardest things God ever asks us to do. Most of us would rather run a marathon than cross the street to greet our neighbor. We are plagued with feelings of fear and inadequacy and with the realities of being too busy. This is true not only for church members but also for pastors. According to one study by Thom Rainer, 53 percent of pastors have made no evangelistic effort to share the gospel with unbelievers during the past six months.<sup>1</sup> It is easy to become side-tracked by the “tyranny of the urgent” and ignore the evangelistic mandate of Christ. The reality is, pastors must first model the evangelistic value that lost people matter to God before their churches will ever emulate it.<sup>2</sup> As Alvin Reid puts it, “Your church collectively will not be more evangelistic than you are personally.”<sup>3</sup>

### DISCOVERING SEVEN WITNESSING STYLES

When I was in Pensacola, Florida, I used to stroll along the fishing pier and watch the people fish. It was interesting to note that they used different kinds of bait to catch different kinds of fish. You involve more members with a multidimensional evangelistic approach because each member uses a different witnessing approach. And you reach more people because different people are better attracted to different styles. This loaded “tackle box” creates a win-win situation. It involves more members and “catches” more people for Jesus Christ.

I will never forget one of my first doctor of ministry assignments. Our professor, Dr. Joseph Kidder, instructed us to take our Bibles, scan through the book of Acts, and look for the

different methods of evangelism that were used by the early Christian church. I was a third-generation Seventh-day Adventist who grew up as a preacher’s kid (PK). I knew this message backward and forward. My stereotypical view of evangelism was public reaping meetings by a professional evangelist, with the four beasts on the screen. But we prayerfully made up our individual lists and then compiled our collective list on the whiteboard, filling the board with more than 40 evangelistic methods. Though Ellen White had attested that “different methods are to be employed to save different ones,”<sup>4</sup> this exercise was a great eye-opener for me. I subsequently grouped the methods into seven witnessing styles:<sup>5</sup>

**1. Prayer**—Interceding for the salvation of friends, family, and work associates.

**2. Friendship**—Forming relational bridges to communicate the gospel in a low-key, nonthreatening way.

**3. Service**—Demonstrating God’s love by doing practical acts of service with no strings attached.

**4. Testimony**—Relaying from one’s own personal experience the great things God has done.

**5. Invitation**—Inviting family, friends, and acquaintances to social events, service projects, culturally relevant seminars, or spiritual events where Jesus and His gospel and truth are introduced.

**6. Conversation**—Utilizing casual conversation to introduce people to Christ and His truth.

**7. Proclamation**—Declaring the absolute truths of God’s Word in an authoritative, non-judgmental way through teaching or preaching.

I am thankful that God has given me many more chances to share His love with others since that epiphany during my moving sale 26 years ago. God will use you, as well, as you use the various witnessing styles and train others to do the same.

NOTES: For more on the topic, see David L. Hartman, *Winning Ways to Witness: Seven Witnessing Styles That Attract People to Christ* (Collegedale, TN: College Press, 2018).

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FROM THE EDITOR  
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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021 JUNE

- 4 – 5 C.H.A.M Retreat - Children & Adolescent Ministries Joint for children & teens (15years & under)
- 5 IWILLGO: “Essential Worker” Local Church Correspondence Course (Sabbath School)
- 6 Joint Prayer Meeting (Prayer Conference)
- 11 – 13 SBC Pathfinder Camporee (All Pathfinders)
- 12 Women’s Ministries & GEMS Emphasis Day
- 18 – 19 Youth Mission Congress #YMC (Family Island)
- 24 Executive Committee Meeting Stewardship Day
- 26 Public Campus Ministry Convention (AM: All Students)
- 26 Park ‘N’ Praise (Joint AY)
- 26 Biblical Symposium & Spirit of Prophecy
- NO DATE Launch Adventist Men Devotional 2022
- NO DATE Visit to Andros Communications Advisory Council

### HAPPENING THIS SABBATH CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT JOINT C..H.A.M RETREAT JUNE 4-5, 2021.

This year’s virtual C.H.A.M Retreat is being held beginning **Friday June 4 to Saturday June 5, 2021**, under the theme How to be a “Superhero for Christ, Making Life Super for Others” for children 15 years & under. **ZOOM MEETING ID: 975 0461 7579**  
NOTE: Parents, please log into the meetings with the child’s name and age (rename in the participant’s column – e.g. Mary 4 yrs).

**Friday June 4 – 7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m.**  
Worship service with Guest Speaker, Mrs. Jacqueline Rahming, Children’s Ministries Coordinator & Choir Director at the Northside Seventh-day Adventist Church, Miami, Florida.

**Saturday June 5 –  
Sabbath School @ 10:00 a.m. -11:25a.m.**

**Classes Available:**  
5-year-olds & under - Cradle Roll/ Kindergarten  
6–9-year-olds – Primary  
10 – 15-year-olds – Juniors /PowerPoint/ Realtime

**Divine Worship Service @11:30a.m.**  
With our guest speaker.

**C.H.A.M Connect - Afternoon Service @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**  
Topic: ‘God’s care for us during bad times’  
Discussion with Mrs. Nadia Rodriguez Bueno, School Counsellor, Bahamas Academy.

**Social: Games, Prizes & Movie Night @ 7:30p.m – 9:00p.m.**  
**COME IN YOUR COSTUMES!**

**RETREAT CHALLENGE**  
Children were asked to:

- Create a homemade 'Superhero for Christ' costume.
- State in 100 words or less how as that 'Superhero for Christ' they will be able to make life super for others.

**Categories for this challenge will be:**

- 5 year-olds & under
- 6-9-year-olds
- 10 - 15-year-olds

Submissions will be highlighted on the CHAM Facebook Page and other social media.

**WEAR THE COSTUME AT OUR SOCIAL!**



**ADVENTIST BOOK & NUTRITION CENTER - ABNC**

The Adventist Book & Nutrition Center will be closed on Friday June 4, for the Labour Day holiday. We will reopen on Sunday, June 6, at 9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m. We hope you have a wonderful weekend.



**BAHAMAS ACADEMY**

**Bahamas Academy Entrance Exam**

Bahamas Academy's entrance exam will be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Students seeking entry for grades 1-10 should report to the examination room from 8:30a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the school located on #73 Marshall Road. Applications are available at the school or online at bahamasacademy.org

*--School Administration.*



**BIBLICAL SYMPOSIUM**

Sabbath June 26, 2021, is scheduled for Biblical Symposium and Spirit of Prophecy. This will be in the afternoon @ 6:00 p.m. The topic will be 'Our Health Message, Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines from the pen of Ellen White.' – *Pastor Lynden Williams, Coordinator, Spirit of Prophecy.*



**CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT UPCOMING EVENTS**

**July 2021** – Virtual VBS Programs (churches)

**CHURCH VBS PROGRAMS:**

**Monday, July 19 to July 25, 2021** at 4:30p.m to 6:00p.m daily - **Good News, Cockburn Town & South Andros Districts will host VBS** under the theme is 'Cactusville, Where kids are called to follow Jesus'. #SayYestoJesus

Registration deadline: June 19, 2021.

Copy Registration link:

<https://forms.gle/PSvrr99kGRhkfPe58>

*--Mrs. Lavern A. Sturup, Children & Adolescent Ministries Director.*



**HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT Health Promoters Certification**

On Sunday May 30, thirty individuals from the South Bahamas Conference graduated with a Health Promoters Certification which was offered by the Inter American Division. The programme was hosted by the Health Ministries Department of Atlantic Caribbean Union under the theme, **Joining Hearts and Hands 'I Will Go'**. Areas of study included Health, the Church and Ellen G. White, Principles for Adopting a Healthy Lifestyle, Principles for a Healthy Kitchen, Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology, and Basic Principles to be a Health Educator. Dr. Frank Geneus, newly

elected Health Director of IAD reminded the graduates to promote, educate, share, inform, support, grow continuously and grow spiritually. Also, in attendance were Mrs. Belkis Archbold former Health Director, IAD and Pastor Peter Kerr, President of ATCU.

*--Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Director.*



**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Philadelphia Church Women's Ministries**

"Hope Now For All Genders"  
June 6-12, 2021 at 7:15 p.m

**Women's Ministries Emphasis Day**

"Come, See the Savior of the World"  
June 12, 2021  
(Observed in individual churches)

**"Ruth & Naomi" Outreach May & June 2021**

Please contact your Local Leader for details.

**DONATION REQUEST**

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Kindly donate to your local Women's Ministries Leader for distribution during our community outreach projects this year.

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](mailto:SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org.bs)

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



**SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE YOUTH DEPARTMENT: MASTER GUIDE CLASS**

A Master Guide Class is scheduled to begin on Sunday, May 30, 2021, with the Johnson Park Church. Members in good standing, ages 16+ interested in participating in this training, please register with the youth department before May 28, 2021.

**PATHFINDER CAMPOREE**

**Date:** June 18-19, 2021

**Theme:** HEROES

**Registration:** With local Pathfinder Directors

**IGNITE 2021 \*NEW DATE SABBATH, JULY 31, 2021**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 3rd Annual Youth Retreat Congress, will climax during Youth Month 2021!

**Under the theme:** "Situationships- the 5 S' Formula"

**Venue:** New Providence Community Center  
\*In person for paid delegates only

**Age limit:** 18 to 35

**Cost:** \$45.00 \*Includes polo shirt, bag, lunch & SWAG

**Registration Deadline:** Monday, May 31, 2021

**To register please visit:**  
<https://cutt.ly/Axg5qMR>

**VOLLEYBALL SEASON**

**Registration**

AY Leaders please send an email with the following:

-Church name

-Coach name & contact

To: [gibson@bahamasacademy.org](mailto:gibson@bahamasacademy.org), [pwilson@sbcadventist.org.bs](mailto:pwilson@sbcadventist.org.bs)

Registration Deadline: May 30, 2021

**JULY 2021 is YOUTH MONTH in**

**SBC!** AY Leaders are encouraged to begin planning evangelistic missionary activities for local churches!

**JOINT CONFERENCE WIDE YOUTH MONTH ACTIVITIES:**

**#Park&Praise: "INDEPENDENCE CONCERT"** Sabbath, July 10, 5:30p.m.

**#YMF:** 1 Week Hybrid Youth Campaign  
Date: July 24-30, 2021

**#IGNITE:** Youth Congress & Retreat  
July 31, 2021

**#BASKETBALL LEAGUE:**  
July 1-31, 2021

**#ATFIT: Adventist Track & Field International Tournament**  
Sunday, August 1, 2021



**MONTHLY MEETING**

**ADVENTIST BURIAL SOCIETY**

The S.D.A. Burial society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday June 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m at the Grant's Town Church Annex. We've had five (5) deaths for 2020 and two (2) for 2021. Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the society are invited to attend. ---*Elder R. Henry Moncur.*



**Grant's Town Language Cafe tonight at 8:00p.m.**

Have you ever been interested in learning about other cultures? Have you ever wanted to attend a crash course in a particular language? Are you looking for a social event to attend this evening? If you answered yes to any of these questions, join the Grant's Town Adventist Youth Department for a fun evening of language immersion at our second Language Cafe. You can choose from Spanish, Creole, Mandarin and Sign Language. Join us on Zoom at 8:00p.m tonight!  
Zoom ID: 941 2002 2741 Passcode: 630011



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**By Tuesday at 3:00p.m.**

Visit the Conference website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>

for the Logos publication archives & the ATV658 NEWS, as well as weekly programming.



**CALL 341-4021**

**SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH**

**June 12, 2021 @ 8:00p.m.**



*Have a Happy Sabbath!*