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PASTOR'S APPRECIATION MONTH



Pastor Michael A. Smith

The month of October within Christendom has been designated as a specific time for officially honouring pastors and those persons who perform ministerial work. Christians globally call this month Clergy Appreciation Month. Many professions have designated times during a given year when they are honoured and so in a similar light those engaged in pastoral ministry have the privilege of being officially honoured in October. This is not new; the genesis of a formal Clergy Appreciation began in the early 1990s. Using 1 Timothy 5:12 & 17 as a foundation, the event soon became widely referred to as Pastor's Appreciation.

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has suggested the second Saturday of the month for this well-deserved tribute to our pastors. However, the scheduled date within the month is not a “law of the Medes and Persians”; therefore, flexibility exists to facilitate any conflict of a scheduled event. Also, where a pastor may have a multi-pastoral district, this is taken into account. Thus, within the Atlantic Caribbean Union the last Sabbath in October for this year 2019, was calendared for Pastor Appreciation Day. Each local congregation during this month should try and make certain that special opportunity is given to thank, affirm and recognize your church pastor and the family for their dedicated service. Consider your pastor: preacher of righteousness; administrator of the local church; shepherding the flock/members in a caring and loving manner; teacher and trainer who equips the saints in service and ministries; overseeing the wellbeing of the church and its various systems/departments; restorer, rescuer and reconciler of those who have wandered away from the fold or who have become apathetic.

On the designated Sabbath, it is appropriate to honour the pastor and the pastoral family through any or more of the following suggested ways (as gleaned from the Elders Digest):

1. Make plans to celebrate Pastor's Appreciation Day.
2. Say a public word of appreciation for the pastoral ministry.
3. Dedicate a special prayer to pastors and their families.
4. Interview the pastoral family.
5. Present a song that the pastoral family appreciates most.
6. Write a letter or prepare a special card signed by church members/officers.
7. Offer a gift in the name of the church.
8. Invite the pastoral family to a meal.
9. Call, text, email, or send encouraging messages through social media to your pastor and family on that day.
10. Plan a special fellowship reception hosted by the church.
11. Download, advertise and place the suggested poster on “Pastor's Appreciation Day” in your church or organization to create awareness.

What matters most through the month and on Pastor's Appreciation Day is the gratitude and recognition from the local congregation and other church entities. Pastors are spiritual leaders—make this day special for them!

(See Elders Digest

<https://eldersdigest.org/pastorsday>)

*Pastor Michael A. Smith
Ministerial Secretary, Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU).*



CONFERENCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER

INGATHERING EMPHASIS MONTH

Lay Evangelism (Preachers will be trained)

- 4: Youth Church: C.A.C.: Creative Arts Conference Joint AY
- 5: Mission Transform: (Local church AY take program to Elderly/Sick Member at Home)
- 5: Day of Prayer/Launch of Ingathering
- 6: National Youth March & Rally
- 12: Adventist Teachers Appreciation Day
- 13: Let's Move to Live (Final Day)
- 13: Adventurer, Pathfinder & Community Services Exhibition
- 16 - 19: CHAM Week of Prayer
- 14: NATIONAL HEROES DAY
- 18 - 20: Global Public Campus Ministry Weekend
- 19: SBC Women's Ministries Conclave – The Pink Impact
- 19: Spirit of Prophecy Weekend
- 24: SBC Executive Committee Meeting
- 26: Pastor's Appreciation Day

Media Christmas Recordings (Month of October)



ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, October 6-12: *Abused Wives.*



ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES TREASURY DEPARTMENT

There will be a very important meeting for all church treasurers at the South Bahamas Conference office on Thursday October 10th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. All are urged to attend as very important matters will be discussed. –Mrs. Kimberley Bryan, Chief Financial Officer.



BAHAMAS ACADEMY

A parenting seminar will be held at Bahamas Academy on Tuesday October 15, 2019 from 6:00p.m - 8:00 p.m. Come and hear how you and your child can have a successful school year. –Administration.



CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT CHAM ART COMPETITION

The art pieces submitted by the eleven (11) participants in the competition were judged this week by local Adventist artists, Mr. Franco Moncur (Art teacher, Kingsway Academy) and Mr. Richardo Barrett (Curator, National Art Gallery). The results will be announced on the first evening of the CHAM Week of Prayer. All participants are asked to be present. The artwork can be viewed at the South Bahamas Conference office until October 21, 2019.

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**October 13 – Quarterly Meeting for CHAM Leaders @ 8:00a.m at the Conference headquarters.** Please note that statistical reports are to be submitted at this meeting.

**October 16-19 – CHAM Week of Prayer**  
Time: 7:00p.m – 8:00p.m nightly / Sabbath during Divine service.

We also say thank you to the Leaders and parents for your continued support.  
*For more information on these upcoming events, please enquire from your local CHAM Leaders or call 341-4021.*  
-- Mrs. Lavern Sturruip, C.H.A.M Director.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF

**Volunteers are needed** to assist with the sorting of items for the persons affected by the recent hurricane. If you are willing to assist, please meet at the South Bahamas Conference headquarters on Sunday October 6, 2019 at 9:00a.m. --*Pastor Valentino Campbell, Community Services Coordinator.*



### FAITH & SCIENCE WEEKEND

**October 24 - 26, 2019**

The South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will join the World Church in celebrating 'Creation Sabbath' with a weekend of events. Dr. Arthur Chadwick, Research Professor of Biology and Geology at Southwestern Adventist University will be the guest speaker.

- **Thursday, October 24, 2019** - 6:00 p.m. @ The University of The Bahamas (Franklyn Wilson Graduate Centre)
- **Friday, October 25, 2019** - 7:00 p.m. @ Bethany Church
- **Creation Sabbath, October 26, 2019**  
8:00 a.m. @ Grant's Town Church  
11:00 a.m. @ Hillview Church  
4:00 p.m. "The Earth is a Witness" film @ Hillview Church  
4:30 p.m. Open Forum (Q & A) @ Hillview Church

Invite your friends, come and celebrate the wonders of God's creation as seen through science.



### HEALTH MINISTRIES

#### I Want to Live Healthy Fun/Run Walk

You are invited to a Fun/Run Walk dubbed 'I Choose to Live Healthy' on October 14, 2019 (National Heroes Day) at 6:30a.m starting at Arawak Cay. For more information please contact Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Director.



### CPR / FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

All persons interested in being certified or recertified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and/or First Aid to be held on October 27, 2019, are asked to call 323-0610 or 826-8486 (WhatsApp). This is training is for medical and nonmedical persons (teachers, secretaries, pastors, lawyers, etc.) Come and be certified so that you will be equipped to save a life! --*Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Director.*



### MEN'S MINISTRIES

#### Upcoming Events

**October 11 - 14, 2019** - Hillview Men's Summit, South Andros. Interested persons are asked to contact Lester Stuart or one of Hillview's men. Young men and boys are welcomed to attend also. --*Elder Curtis Bryan, Men's Ministries Director.*

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### Fourth Quarter (October - December)

"WE" (Women Empowerment) - Q4 Forecast:

**November, 2019**

1-3 ATCU Retreat - South Caicos, Turks & Caicos Islands

**December, 2019**

TBA - Zone 4 Community Outreach



#### Important Note

All women and young women in the South Bahamas Conference are invited to attend the Women's Ministries Conclave, October 18 & 19, 2019 under the theme: God's Beloved Daughters: Rescued, Redeemed, Restored & Released. Pastor Brenda Billingsy from the North American Division is poised to come and share a message of Hope and Restoration. The men of South Bahamas Conference are especially invited to attend the service on Friday evening at 6:45p.m at the Hillview Church. Please note that all services of the Women's Ministries Department are free of charge so you can't afford to miss this one of a kind weekend worship experience. See you there!!

#### MEAL TICKETS

For those persons interested in meals on the Sabbath of the Conclave, kindly note that tickets will be on sale as of Saturday October 5th, 2019 at a cost of \$12.00 per meal. Lunches will be served at the auditorium and persons interested can either purchase a ticket from Sis. Penny Rolle at 458-3641 or Sis. Sharon Roach at 544-3614.

Please note that all tickets must be paid for no later than October 16th, 2019 in order to receive your scrumptious meal as no funds will be collected on the Sabbath of the Conclave.

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



### YOUTH DEPARTMENT TIDBITS INVESTITURE SERVICES 2019:

Please submit dates for Investiture by **Monday, October 14th, 2019.**

Investiture services should be held during Divine Service to enlist all members in the Lord's Army for these end times.

**Names and classes of investees must be submitted.**



### 1st SBC ADVENTURER CAMPOREE:

The one-day Adventurer Camporee will be held on **Sabbath, October 26, 2019.**

**Theme:** God's Favored Children

Please make orders for the NEW Adventurer scarves and emblems!

Stay tuned for the venue and registration costs! Adventurer Bible Connection Finals will be based on the Book of Esther.

Prepare your club for this exciting time in God's Word.



### ADVENTIST YOUTH AWARDS 2019

Adventist Youth Awards (AYA) The Adventist Youth (Buffet) Award Ceremony will be held at

the Breezes Hotel on Sunday, December 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are available to all members at the ABNC or from Briel Jacques for the late bird ticket is \$80.00 after October 2, 2019. AYA will also recognize the contribution of Leaders for the 70th Pathfinder Anniversary. --*Pastor Jamal Franklyn, Youth Director.*



### SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE MUSIC MINISTRIES

#### LADIES PRAISE TEAM & CHORALE (WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONCLAVE)

Our **2nd Rehearsal** will be held on Sunday 6th October at 4:30p.m at the Centreville Church. All newly interested ladies must attend this rehearsal. Thank you for an exciting start last Sunday! --*Mrs. Annette Dorsett/ Mrs. Allison Rolle.*



### SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE BURIAL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING

The Adventist Burial Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday October 7th, 2019 at 6:30p.m. at the Grants Town Church's Annex. Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the Society are invited to attend. ---*Elder R. Henry Moncur.*



### CENTREVILLE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

All are invited to join the members of the Centreville Church, as we celebrate the church's Anniversary under the theme, "Remembering What He Has Done". We will be featuring Negro Spirituals and the guest soloist for that day will be Ms. Georvantae Wells, a Music major at the University of The Bahamas. Come and be blessed!



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

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SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH  
October 12, 2019 AT 6:45P.M.