



BACK TO THE ALTAR IN OUR FAMILIES



The South Bahamas Conference recently completed the Back to The Altar initiative promoted and launched by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Back to the Altar was an urgent appeal for all families to institute or begin morning and evening worship within their homes.

Back to the Altar sought to safeguard the spiritual lives of members and others from the adverse effects of social media and other media exposure by promoting excellent and healthy digital usage for family fellowship and evangelism. Some individuals felt that this initiative was challenging. However, Genesis 18:14 assures us that nothing is too hard for our God. When we place our concerns, struggles, and problems in the hands of the Lord, He will take care of our concerns as we continue to pray, surrender our lives, read His Word, and lean on Jesus.

So, for those families who have not yet commenced the Back to The Altar initiative, here is a plan or road map to implement and be successful with this program:

Start with you-Whether the family consists of just a husband and wife or includes children, ensure that the program begins with you. In a family with children, the most important gift parents can give is a passionate desire to love God and to follow and serve Him. It is difficult to impart a vibrant relationship with God if parents do not have a living and growing relationship with Him.

The examples modeled by parents influence their children. Therefore, parents must nurture the spiritual development of their child(ren) through prayer and scriptural meditation. Allow your child(ren) to see and hear you praying for them. Additionally, parents must encourage age-appropriate conversations with children regarding their faith and relationship with God. Show your child(ren) God's amazing love by the way you manage them with caring gentleness. Read 1 Corinthians 13 and think about how that kind of love can make a difference in your parenting.

Plan Ahead-Planning your worship time is an essential key to success. Some families manage to have exciting worships morning and evening. Some choose to have family prayer together in the morning and have more extended worship in the evening when everyone is less rushed.

It can help if you take some time each week to plan your worship schedule and worship activities for your child(ren). Use your children's quarterly or weekly lesson guides or a children's devotional book to inspire you. Look for Christian books that have ideas for activities or worksheets. It would be terrific if you could manage a tremendous multi-sensory, interactive worship each day of the week; however, if you begin too ambitiously, you could quickly burn out. It may be best to start with a simple schedule and become more creative as you build your experience and resources.

Keep going-Maintaining a lively, interactive, grace-filled, Spirit-led, altar experience means staying connected. You must keep talking to God, each other, and your children about what works best for family devotions. Communicating with God and each other will allow for growth and a successful altar experience.

There is also additional help available. Call the Family Ministries leader of your local church if you need assistance establishing a family altar within your respective homes. May God continue to bless as He

leads, guides, and directs the lives of each family within the South Bahamas Conference.

*- Pastor Kenny Deveaux
South Bahamas Conference Family
Ministries Director*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY

- 18 1st Quarter Youth Day (Local Church)
- 18-25 ATCU Stewardship Emphasis for Children
- 19 ATCU Masterguide Certification Training (Online)
- 19 Children's and Adolescent Ministries Leaders Meet & Greet
- 23 Executive Committee Meeting



NCU DIASPORA DAY OF PRAYER
The University invites you to participate virtually in a day of prayer for the undertakings of NCU and NCUIDF on February 18, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. The official service will be at the NCU church and can be viewed on NCU YouTube Channels.



BIBLE CLASS

The South Bahamas Conference Bible Class resumes Sunday, February 19th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be 2023: Topic: Defending Biblical Creation and the Age of the Earth with guest speaker Dr. Wilton McDonald. For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams at 803-9793 or lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs.



RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

The South Bahamas Conference Retirees' Association will host its first meeting for 2023. All members and those wishing to become members are invited to this Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, February 23rd from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Philadelphia SDA Church, Elizabeth Estates. Come with your prayers, praise, and a heart of thanksgiving.

-President Rowena Smith

PUBLISHING COORDINATOR MEETING

All local publishing coordinators are cordially invited to a special program on Sabbath February 25, 2023. Venue (TBA)
- Pastor Nikita Thompson
SBC Publishing Director



MUSIC COORDINATORS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Church Music Coordinators on February 18th, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Peardale Seventh-day Adventist Church. The church is located on Penny Savings Bank Lane at the old Bahamas Academy Elementary entrance.

-Sis. Annette Dorsett
SBC Music Coordinator



BAHAMAS ACADEMY STAFF ADS.

Bahamas Academy is seeking to fill the following positions for the 2023-2024 school year:

Secondary Division

English Language

History/Social Studies

Biology/General Science

Carpentry & Joinery/Graphical Communication

Elementary Division

2 Elementary Teachers

Applicants should possess a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and a teacher's certificate. The applicant should provide the Office of Education of South Bahamas Conference with a resume and the aforementioned documents no later than February 28, 2023. Interested persons can contact Mr. Anthony Burrows at aburrows@sbcadventist.org.

-Elder Anthony Burrows
SBC Education Director



BAHAMAS ACADEMY FUN RUN/WALK

Bahamas Academy invites you to their FUN Run Walk and souse-out on March 5, 2023, at 6 a.m. Registration ends March 3rd, 2023. Your participation will support the senior class of 2023. For more information, contact the school at 466-5218 or email at sstbrice@bahamasacademy.org.

BREATH OF LIFE CHURCH Half Night Prayer Vigil

The Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting a half-night prayer vigil on February 25th, 2023. The service will be held on the church's Zoom platform from 7:45 p.m.-12:00 a.m. under the theme 'Pray without Ceasing'. Please plan to attend! Zoom I.D: 355 599 9296. Password: bol2021

Family Day

The Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church's Family Life Department invites you to an all-day event on Saturday, February 25, 2023, under the theme, "Families United to Promote Healthy Minds, Body and Spirit, We Will Go!" with host Pastor Nikita Thompson beginning at 9:15 a.m. and climaxing at sunset. Lunch will be served immediately after the divine hour service. Save the date!



CENTREVILLE CHURCH Black History Month

In appreciation of our African Heritage, the Centreville SDA Church will join hands with our African American brothers and sisters in celebrating Black History Month. We have prepared a grand musical program, which will be held on Sabbath, February 25th, 2023, during the Divine Hour, featuring renditions of Negro Spirituals by all the Choirs, as well as by invited guests. You are invited to be our special guest on this auspicious occasion!



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS TODAY is YOUTH DAY:

In Every Local Church Sabbath, February 18th

Theme: "He's Intentional"

Objectives:

1. Love God more intentionally
2. Live intentionally for God's Prophetic Purpose
3. Listen for God's voice intentionally daily
4. Lead our family, friends & followers to Christ intentionally

AY Park & Praise: "RESCUE PROJECT"

A joint Park & Praise AY Service will be held outdoors on Sabbath, February 25, 2023, at 4:00 pm. Elizabeth Estates Park! All are asked to wear their Blue Global Youth Day Shirts and bring new school

books, pencils, and other school supplies to donate for the missionary activity in the community. There will be music, spoken word, drama, and presentations. Come park and praise with the youth of SBC as we Rescue our communities.

IAD CAMPOREE SPONSORSHIP:

Thanks to members who have sponsored Pathfinders! We greatly appreciate you! A few Pathfinders from local churches would like to participate in preaching and mission outreach in Trelawny, Jamaica, April 4-9, 2023. If you are financially able to sponsor a pathfinder to the IAD 5th Pathfinder Camporee, please WhatsApp Youth Director Pastor Jamal at 427-1890. Any amount goes a long way!

IAD CAMPOREE MEETING:

Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023

Time: 9:00am - 10:00am

Venue: Hillview SDA Church

For: All Parents/Guardians, Pathfinders, Master Guides & persons attending the 5th IAD Camporee, April 4-8, 2023 in Trelawny, Jamaica.

IMPORTANT:

For ticket purchases, all campers must submit a copy of their passport page. Campers making final payments can pay on Sunday. Please bring exact change. T-Shirt sizes will be collected on Sunday.



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Saturday, February 25th, 2023

@ 6:09 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!