



## *Children are CALLED to be Different*



### FEATURE ARTICLE

*Mrs. Lavern A. Sturupp*

*‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.’—Matthew 18:3-5 (NIV)*

When I was a child, I can remember children being utilized in my church only on ‘special days’ like Children’s day, Mother’s, or Father’s days, etc. Today it is evident that children have so much to offer our church and country that they now play significant roles throughout the year. The Bible speaks highly of children and of the talents that they can offer the school, church, and home.

Once again, the call goes out from the Children and Adolescent Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to utilize our children, and this time the emphasis is on letting them know God can use them at their tender age, and that He wants them to be themselves... because God Calls them to Be Different!

God is so committed to our individuality that no two people have the same fingerprint, and no two people are exactly alike. Even identical twins are uniquely different. One of the mistakes we often make as parents is wanting our children to be like us, or somebody that we admire. That is a noble quest, but that is not God’s desire. He wants our children to be themselves as they mature into His disciples.

So, what is our responsibility as parents, leaders, and adults in challenging our children to be different? Children should be allowed to share the gospel in their way.

1. **At School.** We should encourage children to strive for excellence in all that they do. They should be assured of the support of teachers and parents every step of the way. We ought to guard well the mental health of our children and do not take their emotional health for granted as we chart these unprecedented times.
2. **At Church.** We should be committed to investing in our children. Empower and mobilize our churches to help children grow in their faith. One way of doing this is involving them regularly in the services of the church and enrolling them in Bible study.
3. **At Home.** Parents should enable children to grow in their awareness, knowledge, and experience of Jesus. Where better for children to develop a relationship with God than at home, the place they spend most of their time. Parents should be aware of the activities that is taking up their child’s time. Influence can be made from a video game, television show, a friend, or a book. Parents are admonished to lead their children into a meaningful prayer life and provide the fundamentals to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

I am hoping to see this level of individuality and uniqueness during this Children’s Sabbath throughout the churches in our Conference, and as we continue to teach the children and adolescents the word of God, let us trust God to shine through them in a special and personal way.

*Article written by Mrs. Lavern A. Sturupp, Children & Adolescent Ministries Director, South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.*



### FROM THE EDITOR

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021 NOVEMBER

- 13 – 19 E-Week of Prayer
- 19 International Men’s Day (IMD)
- 20 World Orphan’s/Vulnerable Children’s Day (ATCU)
- Children’s Day (Divine Service) /Agape Praise Concert (Afternoon)
- Eagle Awards (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
- 24 – 27 Biblical Symposium
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting
- 26 – 28 Adventist Men Weekend
- 27 Park ‘N’ Praise (Joint AY) Education Day/Stewardship Days
- 26 – 28 Adventist Men Weekend
- TBA SBC Children’s Choir Launch Communications Advisory Council



### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES ATCU QUINQUENNIAL MISSION SESSION

The Atlantic Caribbean Union announces its quinquennial Mission Session to be held on December 8-9, 2021. Delegates will be attending virtually, to receive reports, to elect departmental directors, elect the executive committee and vote plans for the next five years.

### NOTICE TO CHURCHES

All churches are reminded to kindly collect mail from your respective boxes at the South Bahamas Conference office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

*-Administration.*



### BIBLE STUDIES

#### Bible Symposium to be Held

The annual Bible Symposium begins on Wednesday November 24, at 7:00 p.m. under the theme “Get Excited About Jesus.” The symposium is designed to feature speakers who address topics that are relevant to the life of the church and increase the awareness of current Biblical topics.

The speaker for this year is Elizabeth Talbot. She is the Speaker/Director of Jesus101. She is a well sought-after speaker and airs a program on Hope TV (channel 658 on Cable Bahamas).

Meetings begin on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and continues nightly at 7:00 p.m. and Sabbath at 11:00a.m. and Sunday at Bible Class at 6:30 p.m.

## BIBLE CLASS

The weekly virtual Bible Study for the South Bahamas Conference will be held this Sunday at 6:30p.m. on Zoom.  
Meeting ID: 915 5872 2673  
Passcode: 592256  
*-Pastor Lynden Williams, Bible Study Coordinator.*



## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

We are happy to announce the launch of the SBC MEDIA NETWORK's social media platforms, specifically Facebook and Instagram pages, on Friday December 3, 2021. Available on these platforms will be radio and television shows from WORD SBC 88.3FM and ATV658, program schedules, promotional ads for upcoming events within our Conference and other surprises. Be sure to follow and subscribe on the launch date to be able to get the information on what we have to offer, directly as its loaded. Please support our efforts as we seek to make God's Word more accessible to our publics.  
*-Mrs. Lavern A. Sturup, Director, Communications Department.*



## HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT *Let's Move to Live*

Physical movement is beneficial for emotional, physical and spiritual well-being. Join *Health Ministries* every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 6:30a.m at Goodman's Bay.  
*-Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries, Director.*



## Public Affairs & Religious Liberty/PARL Virtual Symposium *Theme: Freedom of Conscience & The Vaccine Mandate*

You are invited to attend the Inter-American Division's P.A.R.L Symposium on November 19, 2021 @ 6:00p.m. & November 20, 2021 @ 9:00a.m. & 3:00p.m.  
**Connect via YouTube at Live.IADNet.org**  
Languages available: English | Spanish | French.  
Presenters will be Dr. Peter Landless, Health Director, GC; Dr Ganaune Diop, PARL Director, GC; Attorney Jennifer Woods, PARL Dept. GC; Dr. David Williams, Professor Public Health, Harvard University, Dr. James Daniel, PARL Director, IAD; among others.  
*-Pastor T. Basil Sturup, PARL Director, Pastor Melvin Lewis, PARL Director, Atlantic Caribbean Union.*

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

### Upcoming Events

**Wednesday Pause & Pray Special Edition**  
November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 12:00p.m - 12:30p.m  
**Prayer Focus: Praise & Thanksgiving**  
**Zoom ID: 98113813577**  
**Password: 094045**

## Women's Ministries Holiday Gift Boxes Giveaway

Please see your Local Leader for details on how you can participate.

## 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](mailto:SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org).  
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*--Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson,  
Women's Ministries Director.*



## YOUTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT IAD BIBLE CONNECTION FINALS 2021:

Sabbath, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00p.m.  
Facebook: YouthIAD  
YouTube: Inter-America Division  
ATCU finalist from SBC:  
Ms. Joshelyn Wood will contest.  
Pray for her memory, health, family, technology, technical team.  
Pray for all the youth representing their countries and unions.

## Churches Host Winter Virtuee November 26-28, 2021

Join the Philadelphia, Living Faith, New Providence and Exuma Pathfinder Clubs in their virtuee.  
Theme: For Such a Time as This!  
Friday: 7:00p.m.  
Saturday: 9:15a.m.  
Sunday: 9:00a.m.  
Zoom ID: 645 673 1650  
PW: 050960

An unforgettable experience awaits you!

## Living Faith Church Youth Retreat November 26-28, 2021

The Living Faith Youth Ministries Presents "Sharing Leaders for Christ."  
Space is limited. Covid protocols enforced.  
Featuring Seminars, Bible Studies, Bonfire, Scavenger Hunt and more.  
For more details contact: Ms. Chinyere Ijeoma.

## Park & Praise Christmas Edition

Sabbath, December 11, 2021 @4:00p.m.  
Pray and prepare for a blessing!  
Invite your family and friends!  
Stay tuned for more details!  
*-Pastor Jamal Franklyn, Youth Director.*



## HILLVIEW CHURCH Volleyball for Fun & Exercise

Do you want to get a good workout and have fun at the same time? On Mondays and Thursdays beginning at 6:00p.m on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at Hillview Church we will be playing volleyball. No matter if you're a novice or professional all are welcomed to come out and get moving!!



## LIVING FAITH CHURCH EMPHASIS ON HEALTH

The Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church is hosting a week of Health Emphasis, November 21<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, you are invited to join each evening virtually at 6:00p.m. Feel free to join the face-to-face presentations that will be done by Drs. Evans and Bloomfield (from the sanctuary) on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> respectively at 6:00p.m.  
*-Sis. P. McBean Health Ministry Dept.,  
Living Faith Church.*



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