



Restoring the Biblical Value of Fathers



In addressing the question of fathering, a major factor has been considered for developing fathers in the area of parenting. The major factor is “the nurturant father.”

There are a few reasons for the introduction of this concept in the debate about fathers. First, fathers often see themselves as providers and protectors. In other words men would work outside the home and gain money and develop a career that provides physical and financial resources for the well-being of the family.

Second, the society perpetuates the view that mothering means nurturing, while fathering is simply impregnating a child’s mother. As such, the view seems to be that fathers are unclear and incompetent in matters of child-tending behaviors, while mothers seem to be naturally equipped for the nurturing role. Hence, fathers are given a pass to be busy with instrumental tasks of providing and protecting, as mothers engage in caring, loving, and comforting children.

Third, the rise of economic austerities has caused an escalation of dual earning households. This reality limits the engagement of many mothers in the nurturing process as they become gainfully employed outside the home. This reality only accentuates the desire for the participation of fathers in the lives of children.

Although some might read the above reasons and conclude that maybe it’s best for fathers simply to be providers and protectors, while mothers continue the range of child tending behaviors; I think fathers are equally responsible for nurturing children. The benefits of the father’s presence and involvement are huge.

“Closeness of children to fathers has been found to make a significant contribution to offspring happiness, life satisfaction, psychological well-

being, intellectual development, and educational and occupational mobility.” (J. Ross Eshleman, 2000). Look at what happens when fathers are absent. “Father absent” has been a significant factor in low academic achievement, rise of delinquency and deviant behavior, and truancy.

Arguably, Fathers are needed for more than just physical and economic needs, but also teaching, caregiving, sharing affection, self-control, diapering and cooking. How do we begin to restore the biblical value of fathers?

1. Fathers should carry out the responsibilities associated with fatherhood to inspire trust and security in the family (Job 29:12-17; Psalm 68:5-6).
2. Fathers should model love for God—the Heavenly Father—with their whole being and display unquestionable faith in God (Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Job 1:2-5).
3. Fathers should lead their families to church worship services (Hebrews 10:25).
4. Fathers should nurture the memory of God’s redemptive acts in the Scripture. For example, the Exodus event and the Crucifixion of Christ event. Tell the story of redemption over and over again to children (Deuteronomy 6:4-8).
5. Fathers should provide and protect the family. Provide food, clothing, shelter, etc. Protect from societal threats (Judges 18:21-25).
6. Fathers should represent the family well in the public sphere (Ruth 4:1-11).
7. Fathers should see to the harmonious operation of the family.
8. Fathers should engender an environment for harmonious decision making and disciple-making, and the subsequent carrying out of the decision, and formation of children. (Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:21).
9. Fathers should be loving husbands who are committed to the building of parental alliance (Ephesians 5: 25).

Many fathers may not have had any model to follow, but while not perfect their presence as provider, protector and nurturer forges a formidable team with mothers that create a trusting and secure community. With God all

things are possible. Fathers are needed more than ever before!

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FROM THE EDITOR

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER

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| 1 | Day of Prayer and Fasting (Adventist Review Subscription Promotion) |
| 2–9 | Mental Health Awareness Week |
| 8 | The Pink Impact (WM & Health) |
| 8 | Pastor’s Appreciation Day |
| 9 | IAD Online AY |
| 10 | Let’s Move to Live Fun Run (Climax) |
| 14–16 | Public Campus Ministries Weekend |
| 16 | Father & Children Summit |
| 18 | Department & Coordinators Meeting |
| 22 | Creation Sabbath |
| 23–29 | C.H.A.M Week of Prayer – Baptism (Evangelistic Campaigns by Children Executive Committee Meeting) |
| 27 | IAD Centenary Celebrations |
| 28–29 | /Monthly Baptism Day |



Notice of the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the South Bahamas Conference

Notice is hereby given that the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the **Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church, #134 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas on Sunday, November 13, 2022, and Monday, November 14, 2022.**

Online registration will commence at **10:00 a.m. via the Conference’s website on Monday, October 31, 2022, and will continue until 12:00 noon on Friday, November 11, 2022.**

This session is called to:

1. Receive reports from the officers, departmental directors, and auditor.
2. Elect officers, departmental directors, and executive committee members for the next quadrennium.
3. Elect officers of the South Bahamas Conference Corporation.
4. Consider and vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
5. Transact such other business as shall be properly brought to the meeting.

All duly appointed delegates are invited to be present at this conference session.

By order,
Leonardo D. K. Rahming, (Pastor)
Executive Secretary.



CREATION SABBATH

For the South Bahamas Conference

This year, a series of events, under the banner of **Faith & Science Weekend** has been planned, which culminates on Creation Sabbath. These are as follows:

Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m

Venue: Harry C. Moore Library Auditorium,
University of The Bahamas
Topic: *No Chance for Chance: Chemical Challenges of Abiogenesis.*

Friday, October 21, 2022

Venue: Bahamas Academy Chapel Service,
Grades 7 - 12
Topic: *The Wind's Weight: Chemical Design & Earth's Air.*

Creation Sabbath, October 22, 2022

Morning - Venue: Hillview Church
Time: 11:00 a.m
Topic: *Living in the Heat: Intelligence Behind Maintenance.*

Afternoon – Venue: Hillview Church

Time: 4:30 p.m

Topic: *The Elephant in the Room: Earth's most overlooked Molecule.*

The speaker will be Dr. Ryan Hayes, Professor of Chemistry at Andrews University, Michigan. He has been practicing chemistry for over 30 years in both business and academia. Dr. Hayes studies how light, heat and matter interact to understand carcinogenic molecules in burnt food and detecting minerals in food, water and hair. Dr. & Mrs. Hayes hosted the 3ABN Creation Crafts program in 2019 and regularly provide Chemical Design talks to churches, schools and camps.

-Mrs. Sandra Burrows, Coordinator.



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT DEDICATION CEREMONY – SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you is extended to those of you who were able to attend the Dedication Ceremony for the Tower and Transmitter Building for WORD SBC 88.3FM. It was a celebration of the goodness of God and his continued favor on the South Bahamas Conference. Thank you to our Conference Administration for continuing the Adventist Radio vision, the Atlantic Caribbean Union and the churches within our Conference and the membership that regularly contribute financially. We appreciate those professionals who provided the expertise needed to move this project on steadily to its completion. Please continue to support our radio station as we encourage thousands of listeners every day to 'live by the Word of God.'

– Mrs. Lavern A. Sturup,
Communications Director.



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New Providence Church

Women's Ministries

"Sip n Paint"

October 1, 2022

Small donation required

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"I need a Moment!"

October 2nd, 2022 at 4:00p.m

Hillview Women's Ministries

Cat Island Retreat

October 7-10, 2022

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



PRAYER MINISTRIES

40 Days of Prayer for the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the South Bahamas Conference

Every member of the South Bahamas Conference is invited to participate in 40 days of prayer for the Sixth Quadrennial Session (November 13-14, 2022), as we seek to elect

Conference leaders for the next 4 years. We will commence Day 1 - October 6 through, Day 40 – November 14. For the first 30 days we will have individual persons/churches/groups praying. For the last 10 days will hold joint SBC prayer sessions via Zoom inclusive of Week of Prayer (more details to come). Let's join in United Prayer! It works! See prayer focus points for the first 10 days on the Conference website.

-Sister Joan Rahming, Prayer Ministries.



GOOD NEWS CHURCH

The Good News Church begins the *Christ Our Only Hope* Gospel Campaign on Sunday September 25 - October 8, 2022, with speaker Dr. Henry R. Moncur and host Pastor Nikita Thompson.



ADVENTIST BURIAL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING

The Adventist Burial Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday October 3rd, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grant's Town Church Annex.

Note: We've had five (5) deaths for 2020, six (6) for 2021 and seven(7) for 2022.

Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the society are invited to attend. --Elder R. Henry Moncur.



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SUNSETS
Saturday October 8, 2022
@6:49p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!