



THE HAND OF GOD IN CREATION



How can science and our faith work together to help us see the God of creation? Is that even possible? It often seems that the information and experimental results presented to the public point away from a Creator.

However, there is a growing number of scientists who are dissatisfied with the naturalism (all things result from chance, energy, and time) explanation, because it doesn't fit the results of experiments and our modern understanding of how nature works. The fourth Sabbath of October is a time for Seventh-day Adventist churches around the world to stand up and recognize that all that we see is the result of a Creator. This is called Creation Sabbath. Yes, every Sabbath is a reminder of God's creative work, but the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has designated this special Sabbath to highlight the Creation story in a special way. I believe this Sabbath is a great time to highlight scientific information that strongly points to a loving, caring, and thoughtful Creator. There are many ways to celebrate this day, and it is up to your creativity!

As a chemist, I have encountered numerous examples of situations that point to a Creator and away from the workings of time and chance. It has helped me to look at the chemicals in the world and see if evidence exists to point towards the working of a Designer versus those of natural forces. We can follow the advice that God gave to Job in Job 12:7-10:

"But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you, And the birds of the air, and they will tell you; Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, And the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this, In whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?"

The challenge awaiting us in following these verses is to learn how the birds, air, Earth, fish, breath, and life communicate. In each of these things are chemicals and biochemicals that operate to bring life to lifeless chemicals. How is this done? What is so special about the chemistry in the air, Earth, and living systems that points toward the workings of an all-intelligent Designer? It is up to us to learn to recognize how chemicals work in natural and spontaneous ways to generate other molecules. What is normal and natural for chemical behavior? What is not natural and needs intelligence to accomplish these feats?

This is why many scientists, including myself, have been dedicating much time to understanding natural and unnatural chemical behavior. By studying what time, energy, and natural forces can do on their own, we can see where intelligence and foresight are required to produce what we see all around us. I highlighted a number of these amazing lessons from the molecules that make up life, air, and the Earth for Creation Sabbath at the University of the Bahamas, Bahamas Academy, and will talk more about it at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist church this weekend.

The molecules have much to say about our Creator's design!

This article was written by Ryan T. Hayes, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, Andrews University.



FROM THE EDITOR

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 22 Creation Sabbath
- 23-29 C.H.A.M Week of Prayer – Baptism (Evangelistic Campaigns by Children)
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting
- 28-29 IAD Centenary Celebrations /Monthly Baptism Day

NOVEMBER

- 5 Essential Workers Sabbath

- 6 Remembrance Day of March
- 5-12 Week of Prayer
- 5-13 Diabetes Awareness Week
- 13-19 E-Youth Week of Prayer
- 19 International Men's Day (IMD)
- 19 Children's Day (Divine Services) Afternoon (Agape Praise)



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.



HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND 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.

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 is 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.



HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Health Leaders Quarterly Meeting

All Health Leaders are invited to a Health Ministries quarterly meeting which is scheduled for Sunday October 30, at 5:00p.m via Zoom platform.

Uchee Pines 6-day Virtual Wellness Conference. October 30 – November 4, 2022

Uchee Pines Institute is excited to offer a 6-day Virtual Wellness Conference that you can enjoy from the comfort of your own home. Learn simple, effective, inexpensive ways to reverse diabetes, manage stress, create herbal preparations, cook healthfully, treat cancer, and much more with our doctors, lifestyle practitioners, and lifestyle counselors by joining a 6-day Virtual Wellness Conference. A small donation is required. For further details and registration click link <https://www.ucheepines.org/events/virtual-wellness-conference>

Thank You

A special thank you to everyone who participated in the final 'Let's Move to Live' 2022 Fun Run Walk. Also thank you to all the volunteers who were on hand to ensure that the event was properly executed. Continue to keep moving, it is beneficial for mind and body.

Health Tip

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in women in The Bahamas. Bahamas Health officials estimate 300 – 500 new cases each year. 48% of the women diagnosed with breast cancer in the Bahamas are under the age of 50. Breast cancer is less common in younger women than in older women, but young women

are more likely to have hereditary breast cancer. Hereditary cancers run in your family and are caused by an inherited change in your genes. The average age of diagnosis in The Bahamas is 42. And in the United States it is 62. 44% of Bahamian women with breast cancer had Stage 3 or Stage 4 of this disease. What this means is that Bahamian wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, friends are finding out about their cancer later and dying younger.

As a preventative measure all women are encouraged to have your mammogram done on time and also practice healthy lifestyle habits like, dietary choices, physical activity, sufficient water, spending time outside, sufficient sleep and trust in God

<https://www.familymedicinecenter.org/2019/10/bahamas-young-women-breast-cancer/>

Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director.

Adventist Health Professionals Association - Vesper Hour

Speaker: Elder Andrew Hanna

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Date: Friday October 22, 2022

Topic: Homeward Bound and Overcomers

Zoom link: 6456731650

Password: IWILLGO

-Mrs. Justina Knowles, AHPA.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

"The Pink Impact"

Cancer Awareness Initiatives

Individual Churches

Remember to Pause & Pray with us in your virtual space 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.bs --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.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS M.O.R.E. Of You For God's Glory Youth Retreat Experience

November 5, 2022 | 9:00a.m - 9:00p.m
Bahamas Youth Camp Site | Gladstone Road
Discover Your Lane In Ministry; Receive True Fulfillment With God

Food | True Colors Sessions | Bonfire Experience | Scavenger Hunt | Youth Social & more!

If You Have Any Questions Or Would Like To Know Information On Payment, Contact Miguel Scavella @ (242) 455-1565

--Pastor Jamal Franklyn, Youth Director.



RETIREES' ASSOCIATION MEETING – DATE CHANGE*

A meeting of the SoBC Retirees' Association is scheduled as follows:

NEW DATE: Thursday, 17th November 2022

TIME: 11:00 a.m – 12:30 p.m

VENUE: Philadelphia Church, Elizabeth Estates

All members and those wishing to join are asked to attend. – Sis. Esther E. Vincent, Secretary/Treasurer.



GOOD NEWS CHURCH

The Good News Church will be having our Community Service Activity Day on Sunday October 30, 2022, from 9:00a.m - 5:00p.m. There will be free giveaways, fun games, food sales, health info and thrift shop.

-Nikita Thompson (Pastor)



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SUNSETS

Saturday October 29, 2022
@ 5:48p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!