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Get Rid of Personal Debt, Says Church Leader

In light of a dramatic leap in the number of bankruptcies in the United States, the director of stewardship for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in America has called for a greater awareness of the dangers of personal debt.

Paying off debt isn't just wise financial advice--it goes to the heart of ethical Christian living, says Pastor Ed Reid. "Debt is probably the largest single frustration for families--living outside their means. It's high stress. More than 80 percent of people who divorce say money matters was one of the biggest factors in the dissolution of their marriage."

Last year the American Bankruptcy Institute reported nearly 1.5 million non-business filings for bankruptcy--a more than 50 percent increase in the past eight years. "By now that's 29,000 families declaring bankruptcy each week," says Reid. And the number is growing. The Federal Reserve says that household debt is at a record high relative to disposable income.

"From a biblical perspective if we incur a debt, we are duty-bound before God to pay it back," says Reid. "We can't just lightly say 'Sorry I've gone bankrupt,' and write it off."

He points out that two-thirds of Jesus' parables deal with money: "There are more than 2,000 references in the Bible dealing with money, possessions, and our attitude toward them."

"The Bible says in Proverbs 22 that a good name is chosen rather than great riches," he adds. "The whole point is that our character, our name, our signature, our handshake should mean something to people. Wouldn't it be awesome for people to know that if you're an Adventist, you're going to pay your debts on time and you're not going to try to cheat people out of what you owe them?"

Reid says that principles of financial management need to be taught to young people, giving them a solid foundation that "will be a benefit to them their whole life."

-Adventist News Network

Community Services/Pathfinder Expo 2002

Plans are underway for the Community Services/Pathfinder Expo October 13, 2002. Churches are encouraged to call in their orders for tents, tables, etc. as soon as possible at 341-4021 Ext. 245.

A Bahamian is The First Dental Hygienist at NCU.

Bahamian, Amy Elvies, graduated this past weekend (August 9 - 11) at Northern Caribbean University, as the first student to complete the Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene. Coordinating Administrators from the School of Dentistry, Loma Linda University, California, attended this ceremony. Amy is from Grand Bahama.

Francis Hepburn, of Abaco, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hepburn, principal of Crossing Rock Public School, Abaco, also graduated this weekend along with a number of other Bahamians. More than 630 students graduated from a number of disciplines. This is the first graduation to be held in the new gym at NCU. Thousands flocked to Mandeville from all over Jamaica and the Caribbean to this grand occasion.

Measure The Health of Your Relationship

If you are married, engaged, or courting, then this is for you. More and more of Adventist marriages are ending in divorce or separation within the first five years of marriage. How can you know if this will happen to you? Here's one way. You can take a scientific inventory designed to measure your relationship strengths and weakness. This inventory will provide for you the specific area(s) in which you may be having a problem in your relationship. There is an inventory for each type of relationship. PREPARE is for those courting or engaged and without children. PREPARE MC is for premarital couples with child or children. ENRICH is for marriage couples. ENRICH will not only keep things going, it will give your marriage a new lift. MATE is for couples over the age of 50 getting married, seeking marriage counseling, or going through life transitions such as retirement or making a major move.

The inventory costs each couple \$40 to send the inventory to Life Innovations Inc, in Minnesota. A seventeen page computer print-out will return for the certified counselor to use to consult with the couple. In addition the couple will receive a small book to assist them in their growth. To access the opportunity you can call Adventist Counseling Services, and speak to Nassau's only Certified Prepare/Enrich Counselor, and Marriage and Family Therapist, Barrington Brennen, to make an appointment to take the inventory. Call 362 6355 today.

3ABN Viewers Baptized

The Berea SDA Church is happy to report that on July 27, 2002, three precious souls were baptized into their fellowship. These new members all testified of watching 3ABN for several years and being convicted about the Sabbath commandment, hence their desire to walk with a ten commandments keeping church.

Adventist Laity Explore More Ways for Mission

Nearly 1,700 Seventh-day Adventist lay people met in Columbus, Ohio, United States, August 7 to 10, to focus on lay mission in the home, workplace, and community.

The 55th annual Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries convention brought together nearly 300 exhibitors representing health, education, humanitarian work, publishing, and mission outreach. The event also hosted professional seminars, meetings, worship services, and promoted youth involvement in mission.

"Finding God and finding salvation was never meant to be a difficult matter," said Pastor Jan Paulsen, president of the Adventist world church, to the more than 3,000 gathered during the Sabbath, or Saturday, afternoon program. "Being the church is not a complicated thing, either. It's there to tell people about Jesus Christ," he continued. "We are all together in this. We are, all together, the church. I want to thank you, ASI, for your focus, and strength, your intensity, and commitment to the mission that we share."

Paulsen also commented on the involvement of young people in ASI. "ASI is empowering young people to be fully involved in evangelism," he said.

According to its mission statement, ASI exists to "provide challenge, nurture, and experience in sharing Christ in the marketplace, as well as support for the Global Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

During each convention, ASI members are updated on ASI-sponsored projects around the world, and how their offerings from the previous convention have been used. Sabbath morning Merilee McNeilus reported on an ASI-funded initiative in Myanmar, where in the past year more than 375 projects--including 180 churches and 125 elementary schools--have been completed. "That's more than a project a day," she said. "This is your ASI offerings at work!"

Funding from last year's convention also helped purchase 200 home churches in 12 countries of the former Soviet Union. Peter Koolik, a building contractor from Brisbane, Australia, Continued on p. 2

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who's helping to coordinate this project, said that nearly 300 Global Mission pioneers are currently leading out in their own church services in areas where, just one year ago, there were no Adventists.

During the Columbus event, ASI members gave some \$2.5 million in a single offering to fund international mission projects.

"It's fun and inspiring to be a participant in ASI's 'can-do-it' culture," said Ron Christman, ASI's new secretary-treasurer elect.

ASI activities were broadcast live by Three Angels Broadcasting Network, a lay Adventist satellite television network based in Thompsonville, Illinois. Highlights from the event will also be featured on Adventist Television Network during the soon-coming Adventist NewsLine, a production of Adventist News Network.

ASI was established in 1947 by Adventist health care workers, but expanded in the 1970s to include other business people and professionals. - *Adventists News Network*

Accomplished Vocalist, Pianist and Guitarist will be featured at Hillview's AY Hour

Neville Peter, Marlin Awards Winner (2002) will appear in concert on August 24, at 6 p.m. (tentatively) at the Hillview Church during its Adventist Youth Hour. Other participants will include the SDA Youth Chorale, the Sentinels and others. You are invited to bring a love offering in support of Neville's ministry. CD's available at sun set.

Important Information and Dates from Bahamas Academy

✿ Registration for old and new students continues each day at the respective school (divisions) during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 o'clock and noon on Fridays.

✿ Remember to pick up your Bank Deposit Slip (if you have not already done so), return the yellow copy to the school, then collect your child's Class Admission Slip to complete your registration process.

✿ At elementary division, books can be paid for and collected from the school. At the secondary division, the majority of books can be purchased at Nassau Stationers, and those indicated on the Book List can be purchased from the school.

✿ Monday, August 19 Teachers return for pre-session meetings. Venue - Hillview SDA Church at 9:00 a.m.

✿ Orientation meeting for parents of students attending Bahamas Academy for the first time are as follows:

✓ ELC - Sunday, August 25, at 4:00 p.m. at the New Providence Church, Soldier Road.

✓ Elementary - Tuesday, August 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the H. D. Colburn Gym.

✓ Secondary - Thursday, August 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the H. D. Colburn Gym.

✿ Orientation for NEW STUDENTS

attending both elementary and secondary divisions are asked to report to the respective divisions on Friday, August 30th from 9:00 a.m. to noon IN FULL UNIFORM.

✿ Monday, August 26, schools closed for bi-annual Workers' Meeting. - *Lynn C. Smith, Principal, Bahamas Academy*

Women's Ministries Leaders to Meet Today

All women's Ministries leaders are asked to attend a very important meet today at 4 o'clock at the home of Women's Ministries Director Alwhyne Scavella, Hillside Road, Winton

Need Counseling?

If you are an Adventist and are in need of profession counseling, call Adventist Counseling Services at 361 6355 for private, confidential and professional service. We are here to serve you.

Blowout Sale at the ABC

The Adventist Book Centre is having a phenomenal back to school sale for the remainder of August, beginning August 18, 2002, from 9 o'clock to noon. Week days sale continues during regular business hours. Catch the savings on:

➤ 75% off on selected frozen foods

➤ 50% off on selected books

➤ 20% off on selected canned foods/goods, dry vegetarian meats, other books except the New Study Bible and Colporteur Books

➤ 50% off on all Musical items - *Kenny V. A. Deveaux, Manager ABC*

'Adventist Spotlight'

"Adventist Spotlight," which is seen on Cable Bahamas, Channel 12, from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, features this week our youth speaker for our camp meetings, Pastor Pete A. Palmer, from the Allegheny East Conference. A rebroadcast will be aired on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Exuma Softball Games

Challenged Postponed

FROM OUR YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Persons interested in attending Masterguides classes are asked to submit their name to the youth secretary at 341-4021 Ext. 245

An URGENT meeting for all Pathfinders Directors and officers will be held tomorrow, Sunday, August 18, at 11 o'clock at the Hillview Church.

Youth Forum resumes Friday, August 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant's Town Church. Young people are especially invited.

Camp Meeting Tapes Available - Video and Audio tapes from the Camp Meeting are now available at the Conference Office. CD's can be made available upon request.

Material available - Masterguides and Pathfinders materials are now in stock at the Conference Office

The National Pathfinder March - will be held September 22. GET READY!

Projections for the remainder of the year -

~ Bible Bowl ~ Speech Contest

~ Week of Prayer ~ Visit from World Youth Director, Dr. Baraka Mugande

If you have special programmes in your church send us a short note so we would know what is happening in your area.

Health Extravaganza 2002

The 5th Annual Health Extravaganza for Better Living will be held at the Mall at Marathon, Thursday, October 10th from 5 o'clock to 8:00 p.m. Bring your children to the Puppet show to learn all about Smoking Joe. Come and get your blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar screened. Test taste delicious vegetarian dishes and drinks. Participate in aerobics and relax with a soothing chair massage after watching the cooking and hydrotherapy demonstrations. You will never be the same! Don't forget to tune in at 8 o'clock on Monday, October 7th to 'You and Your Money on ZNS T.V. 11

Masterguides Needed!

Masterguides are especially invited to learn how to do chair massage. To participate call Ida at 323-5473

Vegetarian Dishes Needed

In conjunction with the Health Extravaganza a test taste of vegetarian dishes will be available, persons are invited to participate in this community project. Call Marlene at 364-0085 to volunteer. - *Idamae Hanna*

Web Exclusive Stories

Bahamas Internet Ministries is reaching the Bahamas and the world through its web page www.bahamasconference.org. You can be a part of this great ministry. More than 25,000 hits are being received each week. The Bahamas Conference web site is one of the top ten sites on TAGnet. There are web exclusive stories and features you will find exciting and uplifting. For example the story of Dr. Derek Bowe, Oakwood College chairperson for the English Department, and the up coming story of Dr. Joey McPhee, son of Dr. Clara McPhee. He is the vice president of a leading bank in the United States. You can be a part of this great ministry. Your life's story, testimony, or ministry can reach the world. Call 361 6355 to share today. Log on to www.bahamasconference.org every week and keep in touch with the world.

Revised Dates - NCU Calendar

Please note the following revised dates on the NCU Calendar:

Aug. 20, 21 Freshman Registration
Aug. 22 Returning Students (A-M)
Aug. 23 Returning Students (N-Z)

Sun sets today at 7:46 p.m.

Sun sets next Sabbath at 7:39 p.m.

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