

# THE LOGOS



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## Bahamas Academy Reorganizes Administration

After a study into the feasibility of amalgamating the secondary and elementary divisions of Bahamas Academy into one school, the special committee appointed by the Conference Committee to conduct this study recommended changes in the following areas:

### A. Administrative Structure

1. Elimination of the position of principal for each division of Bahamas Academy.
2. The appointment of one principal for both Elementary and Secondary schools.
3. The appointment of a vice-principal for each division.
4. The appointment of a Senior Master and a Senior Mistress.
5. The empowerment of heads of department with the appropriate remunerations.

### B. Finance

One treasurer would co-ordinate the activities of the accountants and cashier within the school. This is to be enhanced by the installation of a Wide Area Network computer system.

### C. Cafeteria Service

One co-ordinator would coordinate and plan, in conjunction with staff, the services for both divisions. This would require the upgrading of the current facilities in terms of space and appliances.

The Conference Committee accepted the report of the special committee, and has approved the implementation of the recommendations for the 2002/2003 school year. Accordingly, the following persons have been asked to serve as follows:

Principal of Bahamas Academy: Mrs. Lynn C. Smith

Vice-principals: Mrs. Celestine Creighton - with responsibility for the Elementary Division

Mr. Marcus M. Rahming (responsible for the Secondary Division).

Senior Master: Mr. Ronald Julien (responsible for discipline--Secondary Division).

Senior Mistress: Mrs. Hermia Brown (responsible for discipline--Elementary School)

Business Manager: Mrs. Cherry Blackmore

It is our hope that this reorganization of Bahamas Academy will enhance the productivity and efficiency of the operation, and provide the climate to deepen our Christian witness through the integration of faith and learning. -Dr. John Carey, Director of Education

### Voice of Prophecy Bahamas Festival

Coming in May, members of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, Newbury Park, California, will be visiting our shores. From May 22 to 25 the VOP Bible school will be re-commissioned by Lonnie Melanshenko, VOP Director. He will be accompanied by his wife, Jeannie Melanshenko, Del Delker and Walter Arties.

### 'Adventist Spotlight'

"Adventist Spotlight" may now be viewed on Cable Bahamas, Channel 12, from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Pastor W. T. Adderley and the Berea Church will be featured this week. Rebroadcasts of "Adventist Spotlight" can be viewed on Tuesdays from 8 p.m.

### Sermon at World Health Day

#### Service Part II

The President of The Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists appeals to parents to pull their children away from television sets, and encourage them to go outdoors to reap the benefits of increased physical activity.

Pastor Keith D. Albury, delivering a sermon at a World Health Day service April 7 at Golden Gates Assembly, said, "Whatever we can do to get people off the couch and active will bring great benefits to The Bahamas. Why not try gardening, mowing the lawn, etc.? Let's get our young people away from the TV and video games. Get them outdoors, engaged in some physical activity."

He also expressed concern about the degradation of the environment in terms of the tendency of people to throw garbage anywhere. As a result, one saw more and more infestations of rats and other disease-carrying rodents. "We have become more affluent as a people," he said, "and yet our environment seems to be getting dirtier and more polluted."

Pastor Albury said he is concerned about "the mangy dogs we are contented to let roam our neighbourhoods among our children, playing in the yard or on the streets. No wonder we have so many children picking up all sorts of infections."

He said air pollution is increasing in New Providence because of bad-running vehicles on the streets and jitneys that belch black smoke. He called for enactment of legislation to protect non-smokers from second-hand smoke in public places.

Referring to the exodus of more than half a million children of Israel from Egyptian bondage, Pastor Albury said the only recorded epidemics on their long desert journey were the result of direct disregard of divine instruction. No human waste of any kind was allowed within the encampment, and all possible control was exerted in its proper care elsewhere. This concern for cleanliness was each person's first line of defence against sickness and the community's protection. All who were in contact with contaminating diseases were isolated from the camp, quarantined until they and every person they had touched and everything they had touched were cleansed and declared safe, according to Leviticus 15:4-12. He said a disease thought to have been leprosy or syphilis that killed millions of persons in the Middle Ages, and the Black Death, which took an estimated 75 million lives in medieval times, were both brought under control when biblical concepts were implemented. -C. Symmonett, -Part II.

### New Providence Sanctuary Choir Visits Marsh Harbour Church, Abaco

It was the merging of two island cultures when approximately 50 members and friends of the New Providence SDA Sanctuary Choir touched down on Abaco on the weekend of April 12-14th, 2002. The weekend was a culmination of months of eager anticipation and long practice sessions. Under the leadership of Bro. Ralph Rolle and his assistants, this youthful group planned to take Marsh Harbour by storm in concert with the theme "Jesus -- His Glorious Return."

Members of the group were welcomed by Pastor Roger Moncur and Bro. Willard Cooper, their bus driver and tour guide. Everyone was

anxious to arrive at his place of residence, so as to see the sights before evening. There was time for one last rehearsal, and at the end, there was no doubt that the choir would make a positive impression and bless their audience.

Sabbath morning was simply glorious. With mild breezes and bright sunshine, the members were in high spirits and eager to arrive at church on time. As expected, the Sabbath School and Divine Service were conducted by the visitors. The services were held jointly with members from the Crossing Rock and Cooper's Town Companies, along with the Marsh Harbour Church. Elder Vernal Rolle Sr. delivered the sermon, entitled "God's Healing Touch". His message was timely, well received and certainly a blessing. The choir rendered several selections, giving the audience a foretaste of what was to come in the afternoon.

Word must have gotten out that the N.P. Sanctuary Choir was in town, because by 6:30 p.m. the church was filled with members and friends from the community. With matching T-shirts, clapping hands, stomping feet and lifted voices, the choir made their appearance on stage. The dynamic duo of Elders Vernal Rolle Sr. and Preston Johnson emceed the concert. They were superb, and added that down-home flair to the evening's performance. There were shouts for more of the same, and some willingly gave generous offerings to hear their favourite songs again. As all good things must come to an end, Pastor Moncur and Pastor Johnson gave the vote of thanks at about 9:00 p.m.

Reluctantly, early Sunday morning group members began to make their way back to the hustle and bustle of the city. Thanks to Pastor Moncur, the officers and members of the churches in Abaco, the weekend of April 12-14 will long be remembered by the members of the New Providence Sanctuary Choir. -Cherrise Rolle

### Brand-new Baby Grand Piano

#### Dedicated at Hillview

The Hillview SDA Church, pastor, officers and members who began a week of dedication anniversary celebrations on Sabbath, April 13, concluded this weekend with the dedication of a brand-new Baby Grand Piano. Former pastor and now Conference President Pastor K. D. Albury had been invited to share in the dedication of the Baby Grand Piano and to deliver the final sermon, which he did with clarity and anointing from the Holy Spirit. Recounting "the meaning of these stones," he drew timely illustrations from the book of Joshua.

On Friday, April 19, a special Vesper service was held to welcome the Sabbath. Members, officers and pastor gather as early as 7 o'clock to sing Sabbath songs and greet the Sabbath. It was a memory-making time. Former first elder Charles Miller, who was head elder at the dedication of the church 13 years ago, was invited to deliver the Vesper's message. The time of introspection and reflection was refreshing. Elder Miller's anecdotes made the walls of the church rang with laughter, yet he was adamant in reminding the church to hold on and to be faithful for very soon Jesus will come.

On Sunday, April 21, the final chapter in this year's anniversary memory booklet came to a close, in a grand style gospel concert showcasing the myriad talents of the membership and emceed by current first elder, Roderick N. Sands.

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**Elder Ordained at Philadelphia**

The pastor and members of the Philadelphia Church extend congratulations to Dr. Kevin Moss and his family on the occasion of his recent ordination as an Elder at the Philadelphia Church on Sabbath, April 13, 2002. Many of Dr. Moss' family and friends were on hand to witness this solemn event, including Dr. Floyd Carter and Dr. Goulding from New York, who rendered musical tributes. Conference President Pastor K. D. Albury was also on hand, and participated in the service as Pastor H. A. Roach performed the Act of Ordination. It is our prayer that God will richly bless Dr. Moss as he continues in the Master's service. -A. Dorsett

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Seared into our memories for all time was the piano rendition by Sis. Audrey Wright, "How Great Thou Art". Oh, how my sister gave that Baby Grand Piano a full test drive.

On behalf of the anniversary committee and Pastor M. A. Smith, special thanks are extended to all persons, various sub-committees, audio and video technicians, choirs, social committee, members and you, who came to share in the celebrations with us. To God be the glory, glorious things He has done with the past and present lively stones of Hillview. -Hillview PR Department

**May --Nurses' Recognition Month**

On Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2002, at 3:30 p.m the nurses from throughout The Bahamas will gather at the Golden Gates Assemblies of God on Carmichael Road to launch officially Nurses' Recognition Month celebrations. This service will be preceded by a procession from the Golden Gates Shopping Centre on Blue Hill Road to Carmichael Road. The parade leaves the shopping centre at 2:15 p.m. All nurses are invited to wear full uniforms as they celebrate International Professional day.

Mrs. Betsy Duvalier is inviting all SDA nurses to participate in this procession and attend the church service that follows.

**Women's Ministries Outreach**

To God be the glory! The first week of our Women's Ministries Crusade got off to a good start as our sisters and brothers wended their way to the Berea Church. Under the theme "Almost Home," speakers challenged the minds of each listener. Truly the presence of God's Holy Spirit was experienced by all.

Our prayer, as we close out this series, is that some souls will surrender to Christ and become members of his family here on earth and eventually in the Kingdom above. -A. Scavella, WM Director

**Mara-Phila Inreach-Outreach Experience**

From March 24 to April 6, 2002, the Maranatha and Philadelphia Churches conducted a crusade, "A Series On Jesus The Messiah," at the Maranatha Church on Prince Charles Drive. Pastor H. A. Roach was the featured speaker for the first week of this experience. The final week of the crusade featured intern pastor Juan Tellez from Jamaica. As a result of these spirit-filled messages, seven persons were baptized.

**Johnson Park's Mother/Daughter Retreat**

Under the theme "Reaching Out and Embracing Each Other," the Johnson Park Women's Ministries Department held their Mother/Daughter retreat on Sabbath, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at the campsite on Marshall Road. Sister Miriam Knowles, guest speaker, encouraged the women present to spend quality time glorifying their God and affirming each other. It certainly was a day that had something for everyone, and those who attended this power-packed day said it was one that they will remember fondly for a very long time. -P. Moncur, JPC WM. Secretary

**15th Annual Jeff Rodgers****Basketball Camps**

Registration for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Jeff Rodgers Basketball Camps began April 1, 2002, at Bahamas Academy Secondary School and at the Adventist National Headquarters Youth Department, Harrold Road. The camps will be held in collaboration with The Bahamas Conference. Please phone: 393 3381 or 341 4021 for additional information on this ministry for helping young people develop a balanced Christian lifestyle.

**SDA Eleuthera Association**

The SDA Eleuthera Association will host a gospel concert April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Grant's Town Church, beginning at 7:45 p.m. Featured artists will include the Grant's Town Youth Choir, The Guild of Church Organists, and Mr. Desmond Edwards and his wife, Mrs. Kayla Edwards. Admission is free. However, a love offering will be lifted.

**Youth Ministries**

✓ All churches are asked to submit information, articles, etc. for a "Youth Supplement" to be published in the newspapers during National Youth Month. Please contact Audley Mitchell at 362-1258 or the Youth Department at 341-4021/2.

✓ A Masterguide investiture service is set for May 18 at 5 p.m. at the Living Faith Church, Old Trail Road.

✓ National T-Shirt Day May 17, 2002.

✓ National Youth March May 19<sup>th</sup>.

✓ Pathfinder Camp June 30 to July 7<sup>th</sup>.

✓ Adventurers' banquet will be held Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 4 to 6 p.m. Adventurers' Camp will be held July 7 to 14<sup>th</sup>. Venue to be announced.

✓ Youth Crusade/Revival, July 28 to August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hillview Church.

✓ Youth Concert August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hillview Church.

✓ August Monday -- Family Fun and Sports Day (Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>). All sports representatives are asked to contact Lester Stuart in preparation for August Monday holiday activities.

✓ All Masterguides are requested to register with the Youth Department and complete a Masterguide profile form.

✓ All persons wishing to attend the Masterguide Camporee may register with their youth leaders at local churches by May 20, 2002. (Deposit is required).

✓ May 10 to 12, 2002, Youth leaders' meeting will be held in Jamaica. Youth leaders are asked to register to attend.

✓ All Adventurer leaders are asked to meet at the Good News Church on Saturday, May 4, 2002, at 8:30 p.m. with Rohan Creighton.

**Southwest Youth Federation**

The Hillview, Breath of Life, Good News and Berea Churches present "Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone, But By Every Word That Proceedeth Out of the Mouth of God" – a series of in-depth, youth Bible studies commencing May 26, 2002, at the Berea Church. It promises to be innovative, spiritual and youthful.

**Bahamas Academy Secondary**

Bahamas Academy Secondary School is looking for a social studies, history, biology and Bible teacher for grades 7 to 9 to begin in September, 2002. Each applicant should have a bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate. Interested persons should pick up job applications from the school during normal working hours.

For further information, please contact the

school at 393-3381.

**New Amendments to The Triple 'C'****Family Plan**

For additional and current information on the Triple 'C' Family Plan, please contact your pastor and person responsible at your church for the Triple 'C' Plan.. Remember, we need a minimum of 1,000 persons throughout the entire Conference to sign up in order for the programme to be fully implemented. Church treasurers are reminded that the first month's report should now be submitted to the conference. -Pastor M. A. Smith, Stewardship Director

**Bahamas Academy Elementary**

Bahamas Academy Elementary School is accepting applications for two classroom teachers and one physical education teacher for the school year 2002/2003.

Applications are available at the school between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Fridays.

For further information, please contact the school at 393-8898.

**BA Early Learning Centre**

The Bahamas Academy Early Learning Center is now accepting enrollment applications for K2 to K4 at the centre on Soldier Road. Applications may be collected from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. -Desiree Brown, Co-ordinator ELC

**Long Bay School**

Long Bay School in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, is accepting applications for a high school English language teacher. Applicants should hold bachelor's degrees and teacher's certificates. For information, please write to P.O. BOX AB-20377, Marsh Harbour, Abaco, or phone 242-367-2382. Principal

**Education**

Review and reinforcement classes are available for BJC English, BGCSE maths, off ice procedures, English language and typewriting. Call 393-1493 or 380-4091 for details.

**SDA Educators Association**

The Annual Educators Association boat cruise will be held on April 28, 2002, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Please contact Sis. Terri Dames for details. -P. Hamilton-Brown

**Softball Update**

Next Sunday at 11:30 a.m. there will be a meeting/training session at the Berea SDA Church for all persons interested in scoring for the softball season.

The names of the teams are on the Conference Youth Webpage. Please visit to see who will be playing whom. Remember our moto: "Be a Player and not a Spectator" - Tyrrell Miller, president -361-8306

**Campsite Development Committee to Meet**

All members of the Campsite Development Committee are asked to meet on Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m. at the Hillview Church. -M. Bonamy

**Communications Department Reminder**

Persons desirous of using the Logos to reach the wider SDA community are reminded that articles should be brief (300 hundred or fewer words), and submitted by noon on Tuesdays. Please refrain from listing prices in your articles. We reserve the right to deny publication.

**Breath of Life Singles Club**

Special thanks to all who participated in the talent show and seminar. -S. Cleare

**Sun sets today at 7:37 p.m.****Sun sets next Sabbath at 7:41****Download The Logos at**

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