

# Adventist News

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## GRANT'S TOWN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH DEDICATES NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE

By Dr. Willard Barr, Grant's Town S.D.A. Church

The pastor, officers and members of the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church proudly offered their new Community Services building to the Lord on Sunday, September 4, 2011.

Presenting the charge was the President of Atlantic Caribbean Union Mission, Dr. Leonard Johnson, who showcased four biblical characters who made a difference in their communities.

Pastor Paul A. Scavella, president of the South Bahamas Conference, led the congregation in the Act of Dedication.

Further remarks were brought by the Minister of State for Social Development, the Honorable Loretta Butler-Turner and Dr. Bernard Nottage, Member of Parliament for Bain Town and Grant's Town.

The church commended Mr. & Mrs. Cyril McMillan for their outstanding contribution to the success of the project.

Sisters Estherlean Ash and Beverly Williams graciously cut the ribbon as the eager church members, community officials and friends toured the centre and witnessed the unveiling of the dedication plaque.

The centre stands as a beacon of hope and a refuge for many who will find the answer to their spiritual, mental and physical needs.

### Historical reflection...

In 1957 the women of the welfare society led by the Late Sister Pearl McMillan, wife of the Late Brother Daniel McMillan operated a centre in a rented building (owned by Sister Dorothy Seymour) situated on the cor-

ner of Cambridge Street and Hospital Lane. They presented plans to the church for the building of a Welfare Centre (which is now referred to as "The Annex"). Although "The Annex" started as a centre for the Welfare Society, many of the members felt they needed a larger building to worship in because the little wooden building was seriously over crowded. Later the Church Building Committee met and voted to turn the Welfare Centre into an extension of the main church building. Those whose hearts were in the welfare work were very disappointed, but the will of the majority carried and what started out as a welfare building was dedicated in 1959 as the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church.

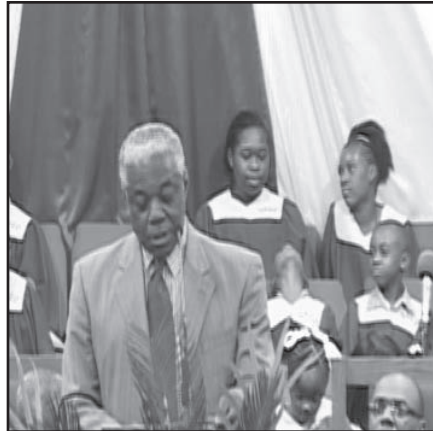
### Current events...

The disappointment of times past has been reversed as The Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church acknowledges the contributions of former welfare leaders.

The Community Services Building will be used to host and offer a number of outreach activities including:

- After-school programmes for primary and high school students.
- Wellness programmes for adults (including seniors).
- Skills training in preparation for the job market.

Church members, community friends and guests praised God for His guiding hand in this awesome project.



## BAHAMAS ACADEMY REOPENS ON MARSHALL ROAD

By Joan M. Scavella, Education Director, SBC

After many years of planning, building, praying, soliciting funds and experiencing miracle after miracle, the New Bahamas Academy will open its doors to hundreds of students on Friday, September 9, 2011.

Orientation for parents of all students in the elementary and secondary divisions start at 6:30 P.M. today (Thursday, September 8, 2011).

Orientation for ALL students in the elementary and secondary divisions will

be tomorrow, Friday, September 9 from 8:50 A.M. until 12:00 Noon. This will include a special prayer of thanksgiving at 9:00 A.M.

All parents and community friends are invited to share in this sacred moment as the Atlantic Caribbean Union

Mission officials join the South Bahamas Conference to mark this milestone in the life of a school that will celebrate 100 years of existence this school year.

Classes will begin on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 8:50 P.M.

## SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

"Adventist Community Services....Serving communities in Christ's name"

By Pastor Andrew Burrows, ACSSBC

The South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists continues to be thankful to God for His mercies and protection in the midst of the recent hurricane. In addition, the president of the conference, Pastor Paul Scavella, along with the Adventist Community Services (ACS) Coordinator, Pastor Andrew Burrows, visited several

of the family islands that were impacted by the storm. They got a first hand view of the conditions and they assessed the needs of the residents in the affected islands. Accompanied by Mr. Philip Humes and Mrs. Lavern Sturup of the Adventist Media Department, they were able to capture the sights and sounds of the communities. More important-

ly, they were able to see, touch, speak with, and pray with the residents. They sensed a heart of gratitude and a spirit of resilience among the persons living in the affected areas.

In response to one of the more urgent needs, the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shipped hundreds of cases of drinking water to several of the islands

impacted by Hurricane Irene. Offerings were also collected in our churches in Nassau and will be utilized for hurricane relief. In addition, through its continued relief program with its international agency, ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency), and in partnership with our local agencies, more sustainable assistance will be rendered.

### CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP TEAM



Pastor Paul Scavella  
President



Pastor Peter Joseph  
Executive Secretary



Elder C. Melvin Lewis  
Treasurer

### CHURCHES IN NASSAU

- Adelaide**  
Carmichael Road  
341 1607
- Berea**  
Blue Hill Road South  
341 1607
- Bethany**  
John F. Kennedy  
341 1607
- Bethel**  
Marshall Road  
341 8686
- Breath of Life**  
Marshall Road  
341 8686
- Centreville**  
5th Terrace  
325 3097
- Ebenezer**  
Fox Hill
- Francophone**  
Balfour Ave  
323 6405
- Gambier**  
Gambier Village  
341 4162
- Good News**  
Flamingo Gardens
- Grant's Town**  
Wellington Street  
323 6326
- Hillview**  
Harold Road  
361 8683
- Johnson Park**  
Farrington Road  
323 6096
- Johnson Road Company**  
Johnson Rd. Fox Hill  
394 4077
- Living Faith**  
Old Trail Road  
394 4077
- Maranatha**  
Prince Charles Drive  
324 5454
- Message of Hope**  
Wulff Road
- New Englerston**  
East Street  
322 1926
- New Providence**  
Soldier Road  
393 6197
- Parkgate**  
Parkgate Road  
393 6032
- Peardale**  
Peardale Road
- Philadelphia**  
Elizabeth Estates  
364 5556
- Real Harvest**  
Pinewood Gardens  
393 6197
- Redemption**  
Wulff Road

### FAMILY ISLAND CHURCHES

- North Andros Churches**  
Lowe Sound  
Red Bays Company  
Central Andros  
Company
- South Andros Churches**  
Kemp's Bay  
Blessed Hope  
High Rock  
New Macedonia
- Cat Island Churches**  
Seaview  
Devil's Point
- Crooked Island Church**  
Landrail Point
- Eleuthera Churches**  
Bluff  
Gregory Town  
James Cistern  
Rock Sound  
Tarpum Bay
- Exuma Churches**  
Mount Thompson  
Moss Town
- Long Island Churches**  
Steven's  
Millerton
- San Salvador Church**  
Cockburn Town
- Inagua Church**  
Matthew Town
- Acklins Church**  
Lovely Bay

### DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

- Education**  
Mrs. Joan Scavella
- Communication**  
Pastor Danhugh Gordon
- Youth & Pathfinder**  
Pastor Kent Price
- Community Service**  
Pastor Andrew Burrows
- Ministerial Director & PARL**  
Pastor Michael Toote
- Personal Ministries & Sabbath School**  
Pastor  
Wilfred Adderley
- Stewardship & Trust**  
Elder Kenny Deveaux
- Health**  
Dr. Idamae Hannah
- Women's Ministries**  
Ms. Donalee Bowe
- Children's Ministries**  
Dianne Jones
- Family Life**  
Elder Kenny Deveaux
- Publishing**  
Anson Keith Albury

Everyone is invited to attend the nearest Seventh-day Adventist Church this Saturday. Sabbath School Starts at 9:15 a.m. Divine service begins at 11 a.m. For the church listing call the Conference office at 341-4021, or visit the website [www.bahamasconference.org](http://www.bahamasconference.org). Come and see what blessings the Lord has in store for you.

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Channel 53, Cable Bahamas

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