

# THE LOGOS

## “Journey of Hope”

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## Bahamas Conference Notes

Again, a hearty thanks to all who made the past weekend a most inspirational and spirit-filled one. The effects of Convention 2006 will be felt for a long time. You may be pleased to know that Dr. George Brown who arrived home safely on Sunday has written to express his appreciation for our invitation and hospitality shown during his short stay.

### Family Islands Convention

This weekend Convention shifts to Long Island and Inagua with Pastor Paul and Joan Scavella and Pastor Leo and Terri Rolle, respectively. Additionally, the Conference Officers are in Freeport, Grand Bahama for the kick off of the North Bahamas Mission Convention. A part of the weekend= program will be an official "thank you" ceremony that will take place to register appreciation to our Conference for the financial assistance rendered to The North Bahamas Mission from its inception to the end of December 2005. Next weekend Convention shifts to all other islands.

### Rally and Revival

This afternoon also signals rally time for our Family Life Outreach. Beginning at 4 p.m., at Hillview, Crusade Coordinator, Pastor Peter Joseph, will lead out in this Rally to further sensitize and mobilize our forces for prayer and participation in the crusade. Your presence is requested as we continue with our count down for February 18's opening. Even now I sense a level of excitement as we anticipate this initial effort for 2006. Pray much for these meetings as well as for Evangelist Alonza Smith. In this regard, The School of Evangelism resumes tomorrow at the Hillview Church, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A live broadcast from Hillview will begin at 7 p.m. This service with Coordinator Peter Joseph speaking will mark the beginning of our Revival in preparation for our crusade. As you must have realized, the time to February's opening is short and hence our need to maximize every hour.

### Logos Bible Software Training

Tomorrow at 3 p.m., the annual Logos Bible software training for church officers and interested members will commence at Grant's Town with official trainers Cindy and Morris Proctor. Then on Monday and Tuesday,

training for pastors and interested persons begins at 9 a.m. at Workers' House. I need not tell you that this will be worth your time and effort, if you are serious about equipping yourself for preaching, Bible study, or simply wanting to understand the Bible better.

### SDA Law Enforcement Officers & Civil Servant Service and Trade Show

You may wish to note two other important happenings that we wish to have before our Crusade. These include the annual SDA Law Enforcement Officers' and Civil Servants service and the Trade Show to be held at Bahamas Academy.

### Recent Appointments

At the Conferences Executive Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2006, Mr. Anthony Burrows, a former vice-principal of Bahamas Academy and member of The Hillview Church, was appointed Principal of Bahamas Academy. He is to assume this position in May. Also, Fritz Gerald Francois was employed as an intern, having completed his studies at Northern Caribbean University. He will assist Pastor Edward St. Fleur at the Francophone, Bethel and Ebenezer churches. Additionally, The Conference Executive Committee voted to replace two of our committee members Lakera Higgs (Youth) and Isnord Wilson (Haitian Representative), both students studying abroad, with Adriel Hepburn (Youth) and Delta Datus (Haitian Representative). Pray much for these individuals that they will be most effective in their assigned positions. *Dr. L. A. Johnson, President, BC*

### A Weekend To Remember

If you attended Convention 2006, you have to agree that it was a weekend to remember. Every service, from Wednesday, January 4 to Sunday, January 8, captivated the attention of the audience. The meetings came alive with inspirational singing and stimulating Bible-based gospel preaching.

Under the theme AJourney of Hope,@ Dr. L. A. Johnson, president of the Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists kicked off Convention 2006 on Wednesday evening, January 4 at the Grant=s Town Church. He presented a dynamic sermon based on John Chapter 6. He identified three reasons why

the people followed Jesus: 1. They were impressed by the signs and miracles He performed. 2. They saw in Jesus a person who could be their king. 3. They were attracted by the physical benefits.

We must follow Jesus because we accept, believe and are guided by His Word, not just for the signs and miracles. Also, we ought to accept Him as Saviour and Lord of our lives. Then we will find in Him everything we need.

As followers of Christ today, we need to pray more so that we might have a closer relationship with Him. Then we will have no option but to live for Christ.

On Thursday night Pastor Ricardo Bain, Youth Director of the North Bahamas Mission, pointed out that if we stay connected to Jesus and focus on God=s plan instead of our own, God will bless us in spite of our situation. He used the experience of Abram and Sarah as recorded in Genesis chapter 17 and 18 as a basis for his message.

Dr. George Brown, former president of the Inter-American Division, presented two powerful messages on Friday night and Sabbath. In his message on Friday, he pointed out three perils to our forward movement:

1. The peril of the status quo. Too many people are signing AWe=re marching to Zion,@ but they are not making one step forward.
2. The peril of detours. To avoid this peril we must follow the Word of God and let Jesus be our Guide.
3. The peril of regression. Avoid this by living as a saved person, and be determined that there will be no retreat.

Sabbath was a high day. While the adults gathered at the Church of God auditorium on Joe Farrington Road, the children and youth met at Maranatha and Philadelphia, respectively. It is reported that both the children and youth were stimulated and blessed during the services at their locations.

During the divine service for the adults, Dr. George Brown presented a message based on Hebrews 10:19-25. He made the following affirmations:

1. We have confidence to enter the Holy place without hinderance. (Continued on p. 2)

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2. We have been washed, purified, sanctified by the blood of Jesus.

3. We have a great High Priest in heaven working in our behalf.

Because of these affirmations, we are exhorted to:

1. Draw near to God (worship Him).
2. Hold fast (Be steadfast in Christ).
3. Consider one another (call to fellowship).

When we draw near to God, we will receive power to be true to the faith and fellowship with one another. Consequently, we will be prepared for the Second Coming of Christ.

Convention 2006 concluded on a high note with a moving youth service Sabbath afternoon and Praise Reunion Concert #4 at the Hillview Church.

**Children's Ministries Director Says Thank You**

A very special thank you goes out to all the wonderful children and Children's Ministries leaders and Sabbath School teachers for their assistance with children's church during convention Sabbath. I would especially like to express appreciation to Mrs. Theresa Turnquest, Ms. Virginia Romer, Mr. Barry Saunders, Mr. Cordero Farrington, the teachers, parents and children from the Johnson Park church for presenting a fantastic program under the theme, "Jesus - The Miracle Worker". All were blessed as we witnessed meaningful dramatization of the theme and participated in the creative service.

I also appreciate the valuable help given by Mrs. Brenda Scott, Mr. Ray Jennings, Mr. Delano Hamilton, Mr. Eric Clarke, and Mr. George Wells. Their efficient service made our Sabbath an enjoyable one. May God continue to bless as we train our children to love and serve Him. -*Dr. Cheryl R. Rolle*

**Family Islands Conventions and Speakers:**  
January 13 - 15

Long Island: Pastor and Mrs. P. A. Scavella

Inagua: Pastor and Mrs. L. C. Rolle  
January 20 - 22

Exuma: Elder and Mrs. C. M. Lewis  
Dr. and Mrs. J. Carey

Eleuthera: Dr. C. Rolle and Mrs. M. Knowles

January 27 - 29

San Salvador: Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Johnson  
Pastor and Mrs. B. H. Brennan

Cat Island: Pastor and Mrs. A. Burrows  
Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Toote

Crooked Island and Acklins: Pastor and Mrs. E. D. Clarke

North Andros: Pastor and Mrs. M. A. Smith

South Andros: Elder and Mrs. C. M. Lewis  
Pastor and Mrs. T. B. Sturupp

**Continue to Support Bahamas Academy**

Friends, supporters and interested persons are requested to continue to give a good donation to the New Bahamas Academy project.

**Youth Announcements**

**Masterguide Training Class of 2006**

The Masterguide Training Class of 2006 will commenced on Sunday morning, January 15 at Bahamas Academy at 7:00 a.m. Mr. Rohan Creighton, Masterguide Training Instructor requests all Masterguides in training, and Masterguides who need to do refresher courses are asked to meet at this time.

!All Pathfinder and Adventurer Officers are asked to meet next week Sunday, at Hillview at 9:00 a.m.

!Be Healthy, Be Happy Club resumes its exercise program at Goodman's Bay at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006. Be there!

**United Youth Congress - April 2006**

All persons planning to attend the United Youth congress in Atlanta in April 2006, are asked to attend a meeting on Sunday, January 15, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at Bahamas Academy.

**School of Evangelism**

The School of Evangelism Classes will resume on Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. No new students will be accepted for Evangelism School Phase I, however, persons interested in registering for the next session in August 2006 are invited to sign up with Mrs. Deena McPhee at the Conference Office. -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Coordinator, Family Life Crusade 2006*

**Eastern Standard Hours for Adventist Book & Nutrition Centre**

You are invited to come by the ABNC for your Vegan foods, books and Bibles. New store hours during Eastern Standard Time are: Monday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A variety of 2006 Devotional books are still available. -*K. V. Deveaux, ABNC Manager*

**NCU Offers Graduate Studies**

Northern Caribbean University (NCU) is inviting persons interested in studying for a Master's and or the PhD in Education to contact Mrs. Celestine Creighton at #393-3381. NCU is prepared to accommodate a group of 15 persons with 2 sessions in Nassau and 1 in Jamaica. A group of 25 persons will be able to complete the entire program in Nassau.

**Trade Show 2006**

Plans are being made for the Bahamas Conference Trade Show scheduled for February 5, 2006. All participants are invited to stop by the Conference Office to sign up (Mon. B Fri., during office hours).

**New Phonelines for ELC**

New Telephone Numbers for the Bahamas Academy Early Learning Center are: 394-8838 or 394-8839. -*Hermia Brown, Coordinator, ELC*

**Clean-up Day at Campsite**

All Pathfinders, Masterguides, PF Band members, Listen-up members are asked to meet at the Campsite, Marshall Road, on January 29, 2006, for a clean-up session from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You are asked to bring cleaning tools such as cutlass, lawn mower, rakes and shovels. -*Marilyn Bonamy*

**Law Enforcement/Civil Servants Committee To Meet**

The following persons are invited to attend a Law Enforcement/Civil Servants Committee Meeting today, at 4:00 at the Grant's Town Church in preparation for the upcoming church service on Sabbath, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006: Curtis Bryan, Alston Rolle, Donna Humes, Elaine Sands, Nelson J. Bain, Levi Lloyd, Roger Forbes and Christine Seymour. -*Norman Seymour*

**SDA Educators Association to Meet**

Regular meeting of Seventh-day Adventist Educators Association will be held on Saturday January 21, 2006 at Doctor's Hospital Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. Please make a special effort to attend. -*O. Ferril*

**Auditions**

The group ABLESSED@ take this opportunity of love to thank each one of you for support and prayers during the course of last year. Truly, the Lord has been blessing us through the ministry of music.

At this time we would like to extend invitations to anyone between the ages of 18-30 who feel that music is their form of ministry, to come out on Sunday the 15th of January at 2:00 p.m. at the New Providence S.D.A. Church to audition for the group. For further information feel free to contact Stuart at 454-8581.

**The 21st of January is designated Health Ministries Day**

All Health Directors and Health professionals are invited to a special Health Leaders meeting on Sunday, January 22 at the Living Faith Church at 8 a.m. Plans for the year 2006 will be discussed.

Please be reminded of the upcoming Health Week and cooking class with Curtis and Paula Eakins B Feb. 6 B12. Large churches are encouraged to have 20 persons registered; Medium size - 15; and smaller churches - 10. Here is a wonderful opportunity for you to invite your Non-SDA friends to participate in an entry event as we prepare for the upcoming Family Life Crusade.

Sun sets today at 5:40 p.m.

Sun sets next Sabbath at 5:44 p.m.

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