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“Words of Hope”



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Pathfinder Promise Highlighted at Youth Rally

Accompanied by their own band, the Pathfinders participated in a brisk march from the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church to the Grant's Town Adventist Church, Wellington Street, shortly after 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 5, 2007. The Pathfinders and other church members assembled in the parking lot just east of the Grant's Town Church for an informative Youth Rally that highlighted the work of Pathfinder Promise in the local community. This innovative outreach idea was conceived by Natasha Ruffin, a member of the Pathfinder organization. It is a pilot programme funded by a special grant from Caricom.

Several guest speakers brought greetings and commended the Adventists and coordinators of Pathfinder Promise (Natasha Ruffin, Delkisa Wood, and Erica Perpall) for their effort in providing education regarding HIV/AIDS, promoting the need to care for and support affected persons, and trying to eliminate discrimination against them. Evaluator of the Pathfinder Promise programme, Dr. Joan Rolle, and Caricom Youth Ambassadors from the Ministry of Youth, Ms. Alana Kemp and Mr. John Darville were very generous with their praise for the programme.

The main speaker for the afternoon, Hon. Sen. Dr. Bernard Nottage, pointed out that although it is difficult to address AIDS Stigma, it must be addressed. He said that the best way to deal with the AIDS stigma is through education: "knowing about the virus and how to prevent it." However, he said that "the difficulty arises in the area of implementation." We must come to the realization that "prejudice and discrimination against people perceived to be HIV positive is wrong."

While he credited various non government organizations for their contribution to the success in our fight against AIDS, he was of the view that "there is need to involve civic groups, service organizations, fraternities and sororities specifically to establish organizations to assist in funding the many facets of education and training needed."

Dr. Nottage emphasized that discrimination does not protect one against HIV. We must "learn the facts, get tested and get involved." It should be noted that "abstinence is the only guaranteed way to prevent sexual transmission of HIV."

It is believed that the Pathfinder Promise initiative will be implemented in other Caribbean countries.

Bahamas Academy Elementary Honours Convocation

The Elementary Division of Bahamas Academy of Seventh-day Adventists held its 2007 Honours Convocation on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of God Auditorium, Joe Farrington Road. Parents and supporters of the Academy were in attendance to witness the presentation of awards to the students for success in academics and other aspects of school life.

Dr. Leonard Johnson, Chairman of the School Board, and Dr. John Carey, Director of Education for the Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, congratulated the students and staff for their achievements.

The guest speaker for the occasion, Dr. Michael Toote, Pastor of Johnson Road Company and the Breath of Life Church, delivered a stimulating message on the topic, "Success Is Mine." He told the students that God wanted them to succeed. Then he gave them four steps to success and told them that they would do well to say, "If it is to be, it's up to me." The following are the four steps that Dr. Toote presented:

1. Dream. Think about what you want to be or do, and don't settle for small stuff.
2. Action. Take action regarding your dream - not just any kind of action. Your action should be in agreement with your dream.
3. Respect. Respect yourself and others; for being successful in life has a lot to do with how you treat other people. You should treat people fairly, and show them that they are appreciated.
4. Endurance. Get over the little things that annoy in life. Keep your hands to the plough and don't look back. Remember that there are forces that are ready to snatch away your dream. However, hold fast to your ideals and you will succeed.

Every conscientious person should follow these steps in order to become all that God wants us to be. The response from the audience indicated their enthusiastic acceptance of the speaker's remarks.

Vacation Bible School Workshop Review

On Sunday April 29th 2007, Children's Ministry Directors and volunteers gathered at the Hillview SDA church to participate in a 2007 Vacation Bible School (VBS) workshop.

Mrs. Diane Jones, Children's Ministry Director for The Bahamas Conference of SDA and her Team facilitated a day in the life of a camper at the "Avalanche Ranch". Participants, including both adults and children, got a taste of the exciting VBS that will be

hosted in our churches this summer.

Mrs. Jones organized sample stations for all of the lower division including Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary and Juniors- and participants with specific interest in each area rotated as a group from station to station. Playing the role of children at VBS, attendees experienced sing along time, crafts, tasty snacks, Bible adventure and fun games. We all laughed at ourselves while we played along with the facilitators, swinging our pretend lassos and shouting "Wahoo" every time we heard the phrase "God is Real!"

By the end of the morning we were all tingling with excitement realizing that if we, the adults, could have fun at VBS surely the kids should have a blast. I have very little experience with planning VBS, so as a rookie team member having this type of hands on experience was quite enriching.

As VBS counselors, we are charged and ready to go. And go we must and right away because last minute rushing will only frustrate the VBS volunteers and the children. A successful VBS requires a great deal of planning, an energetic and committed team and a compassionate treasury department!

So grab your ten gallon hat, pull up your cowboy boots and start working on your Texan accent because this summer our kids will be taking a wild ride at the Avalanche Ranch. WAHOOO!!! -Andria Musgrove

Personal Ministries Department

Personal Ministries workshop which began last night at the Hillview Church will continue today at 6:00 p.m. Sunday's session will begin at 9:00 and end at 11:30 a.m. All Sabbath School Superintendents, assistants, secretaries and assistants, teachers and assistant teacher, Interest Coordinators, Personal Ministries and Community Service leaders and assistants, are asked to log May 11-13 for a special weekend Workshop. Special Presenters will be Pastor Joseph Smith and Sister Vivienne Quarrie.

Stewardship Seminar Held in Exuma

On the weekend of May 4 - 6, 2007 the Exuma Churches comprising both Mt. Thompson and Moss Town held a Stewardship emphasis weekend. The Bahamas Conference Stewardship Director, Elder Kenny Deveaux and The Stewardship Director of West Indies Union, Dr. Wendell McMillan were both invited to participate in this stewardship weekend.

On Friday night, Dr. Wendell McMillan led out in a brief discourse using 3 John 1:2 "Beloved I wish above all things, that thou mayest prosper, and be in health, even as you soul (See p. 2)

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prospereth", as his text and theme for the weekend. Dr. McMillan reminded the brethren that God's wish for them is to prosper, be in health and finally save their souls.

For the divine hour, Dr. McMillan conducted a workshop entitled "God's Plan For Me in The 21st Century and Beyond". This took the form of 13 questions from the Bible that traced the fundamental aspects of Stewardship from "creation to present".

For the Adventist Youth hour, a "Family Finance Seminar" was conducted using Dr. McMillan's book "12 Baskets of economic Survival" as the textbook. Special commendations are given to Pastor Keith Anson Albury, officers and members of the Moss Town and Mt. Thompson churches for a well planned and organized stewardship weekend. -K. Deveaux, *Stewardship & Trust Director*

Good News Church to Celebrate 19th Anniversary

The Host pastor, Dr. Hugh and Mrs. Olga Roach, officers and members of the Good News Church, Flamingo Gardens invite you to their church's 19th anniversary service on May 19, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

Watch Adventists Speak

Adventist Speak is a new program on ZNS-TV Channel 11 on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. This week's topic: "Adventist Perspective on Health".

Church Officers to be Recognized

Members who have served in their church for 40 or more years will be honoured during our Midyear Convention in June, 2007. The names of these persons should be submitted without delay to the Executive Secretary of the Conference.

Women's Ministries Post Mothers'

Day Boat Cruise Is On

Women's Ministries will now host a Post-Mothers' Day Boat Cruise on Sunday, May 20th, 2007 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. All tickets sold will be honoured. More of our fathers and sons are invited to join the ladies in this short outing on the sea. Let's make this a family outing. Boarding will begin at 1:30 p.m. The boat will depart from Long Wharf at 2:00 p.m. Don't miss the boat, come get all your favourite Bahamian foods, duff and fritters. -Miriam Knowles, *Women's Ministries Director, BC*

Ministry of the Choirs

The Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church presents the Ministry of the Choirs for all youth choirs of the Bahamas Conference. Sabbath afternoon, May 19, 2007 at 4:30, each choir with a minimum of 10 persons will have 10 minutes to minister two songs. One of the musical items must be from the Adventist Church Hymnal. The choir may rearrange this rendition. All choirs will receive a certificate of participation, and a financial incentive. Also a plaque for the top 5 finishers and a floating trophy will be provided. A free will offering will be taken at the musical.

Eagle Music Ministry Network 2nd Workshop

The 2nd Annual Conference/Workshop of The Eagle Music Ministry Network will be held July 18 to 22, 2007. All Choir Directors and Choir Members, Groups, Soloists, Instrumentalists

and Technicians are encouraged to attend. This Workshop is intended to enhance our Music Education and continue with training our Trainers and Musicians for Ministry. Further details are forthcoming. -Allison M. Rolle (for) *EMMN Committee*

International Cultural Social at Living Faith Church Tonight

The Living Faith Church Family Life department invite you to their International Cultural social at the church on Old Trail Road May 12, 2007 following vespers. Foods from different countries will be available for sale. This is an effort to complete the paving of the church grounds. -Altamae Knowles

Mental Health Summit I

Sabbath afternoon, May 26, 5:30 p.m. an exciting seminar for Adventists and other Christians on mental illnesses and the use of psychotropic drugs. All are invited to participate in this vital topic

Mental Health Summit II

Sunday, June 3, 7:00 p.m. This is a open forum for questions and answers on mental illnesses. A video will be shown and professionals will be present to answer your questions.

Tell the World

Your Church is making a difference. Tell the entire conference, the Bahamas and the world what you are doing to shed the light of the gospel in your local church. This information is to be submitted to the Conference by the communication secretary of the church by Tuesday at 12:00 noon. The information may be used in the Logos and/or the Adventist Page.

Evangelism School

Evangelism School will continue on Sunday, May 13, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillview Church. Pastor Peter Joseph will continue to teach.

Combined Choir to Rehearse for

Midyear Convention

Preparation for a combined mass choir for midyear convention continues at the Living Faith Church today 4:30 sharp. Persons between the ages of 15-55 are asked to make a committed effort to attend the scheduled rehearsals. A special invitation is extended to all former Mass choir members, Unity, Blessed, Harmonious Praise and Praise Reunion Choir. -Tony Russell

Children's Ministries Up-coming Events

Child Preacher's Workshop -Friday, June 1 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hillview Church and Sunday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Living Faith Church. -Diane Jones, *Children's Ministries Director, BC*

Health Ministries Day

All pastors and health ministries directors are reminded that May 19, 2007, is Health Ministries Day in our Conference.

Conference-wide Cooking Seminar

Mark your calendars now and plan not to miss the Conference-wide cooking seminar on May 20th at the New Providence Church hall.

A small donation is required. Register now at the Conference. The sessions will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Use this opportunity to invite your friends and colleagues. -Dr. Idamae Hanna, *Health Ministries Director*

Adventist Book Centre Open Tomorrow

The ABNC will be open tomorrow, Sunday, May 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Come and check out our new stock of canned and frozen Vegetarian meats. -C. Blackmore, *ABNC Manager*

Hour of Gospel Music

The Hour of Gospel Music at the Mary Ingraham Home continues weekly on Sabbaths from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Today, May 12, the New Providence Church is expected. Next week Sabbath, May 19, Parkgate Church is scheduled.

Youth Announcements

*Pathfinder Promise says thanks - A special thank you to our Conference Administration, Pastors, Pathfinders, Little Lambs, Adventurers, Eager Beavers, Master-guides, Church members, Club Directors and Conference Coordinators who participated in the Pathfinder Promise march on Sabbath past. Pathfinder Promise now awaits the official audit of the program from PANCAP, and will keep all informed.

*Pathfinders Camp - (August 7-14, 2007)

*May 28th, Adventurers Fair and Fun Day.

*Adventist Volleyball Season continues tonight, May 12th, at 8:30 at the Bahamas Academy Gym. All teams should be prepared to play any games that they may not have played for the regular season, and then the play-off games will begin. A donation will be collected at the door.

*All Basketball coaches are asked to begin getting their teams prepared, season begins on June 16th, your registration fees are now due, please visit the Bahamas Conference to get more details.

*Summer Youth Campmeeting - There will be an important meeting for all persons involved in the planning of the summer youth campmeeting on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Berea Church. -Curtis Bryan, *Associate Youth Director, Bahamas Conference*

ELC to Hold Cookout

The Early Learning Center will hold a cookout on May 28, 2007 at the Western Esplande. Contact parents and teachers of the ELC for details. -Hughes Perpall, *PTA Association*

Grant's Town Church Community Services/Pathfinders Cookout

The Grant's Town Church Community Services and Pathfinder Club will host a cookout at the church's parking lot on Sunday, May 28, 2007, from 11:00 am. To 6:00 p.m. The Adventist community is asked to support this effort. -Rose McMillan/Elvardo Perpall

**Music Standard Committe to meet on Sunday,
May 20, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at Conference
Headquarters**

Sun sets today at 7:46 p.m.

Sun sets next Sabbath at 7:49 p.m.

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