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“Words of Hope”



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From the Office of the President

Greetings dear Saints of God! It is that time of the month that I usually greet and write you. I am indeed grateful for blessings that God continues to shower upon us as a church. In fact, I will endeavor to share with you some of these relating to Evangelism, finance and the progress of the new Bahamas Academy at the Mid-year convention beginning June 27. In this regard, I wish to remind you that Midyear Convention will feature the preaching of Shelly Quinn, John Lomacang and Clement A. Murray of 3ABN. Of course, I will kick off convention as I would usually do focusing on the theme, “Words of Hope.” Pray much for each one of us as we allow the Holy Spirit to equip us to minister to you. You can also expect the best in Christian music.

Sabbath Sacredness and Observance

I also use this medium to encourage you to pay attention to Sabbath observance. We are aware that God enjoins us “to keep holy” His Sabbath; and in the book of Isaiah we are told how to do that. May I note that when we see the Sabbath as a day to have added time with our God, then it is something that we will cherish. Having to work five or six days, one can appreciate the Sabbath which affords us quality time for worship of God. This worship of God reminds me that I am wonderfully made, for every weekend I see God as Creator and Designer of this world. The Sabbath affords quality time for family as each member ceases from his or her regular work. It also allows for needed rest, even though we may go over board with that. One is also accorded time for visitation and other profitable Sabbath activities.

Now for all of these benefits to be realized, there is the need for **PREPARATION**. Is it any wonder that God has given us a day of preparation? In fact, I find that if I begin preparing from the time Sabbath ends, it is easier to welcome the next Sabbath. The principle of preparation is to ensure that there is nothing to hinder me from worship of God and taking time to reflect upon His goodness. That may involve predetermining what the family will have for meals on the Sabbath or what they will wear for that matter. This principle saves time and frustration and unnecessary family tension. Simplicity is recommended as to avoid time-consuming preparation that prevents me from missing out on God’s intended blessings.

In this regard, some may reason that to avoid the hassle, why not go to a restaurant, especially if I pay up from Friday. The appearance of Seventh-day Adventists at such an establishment does not paint a positive picture. Many who serve

us know what we stand for, and it becomes complicated when we seek to “win” these very ones and ask them to request Sabbaths off. They would probably wonder why request Sabbaths off if it is alright to go to restaurants and eat on the Sabbath? I am greatly moved by the operators of a leading restaurant who upon learning of God’s Sabbath decided to “shut down” their operation on Sabbaths in obedience to God’s command notwithstanding great business loss. Nevertheless, they find joy in trusting and obeying God, and you and I can do like wise.

Bahamas Academy Building Update

I would be remiss in my duties if I did not tell you that last Wednesday the ministers agreed to launch and promote regularly “the dollar-a-day initiative” to assist with the ongoing work on the new Bahamas Academy building. Please observe that this is not intended to replace what you are doing, I know that some of you give weekly and monthly to the project. This is designed to give the others of us who are not involved to assist with this needed project. The amount requested is not much. Even the children and retirees can get involved. So give just one dollar per day for the New Bahamas, Marshall Road. Do your part today! -Pastor Leonard A. Johnson

Acts Seven Days

Purpose

Acts 7 Days is a pulpit exchange among the pastors of New Providence, for the purpose of winning one hundred souls cumulatively in several one-week series.

Methodology

Preach Biblical and Evangelistic messages for one week. Mobilize the church for this event through church wide prayer emphasis, training of Bible counselors and a follow-up plan. The series will convene during the months of June, July and August annually.

Participants

- Pastor Valentino Campbell.....Maranatha
- Pastor Eric D. Clarke.....Hillview
- Pastor Peter JosephGrant's Town
- Pastor Andrew Burrows.....Johnson Park
- Pastor Danhugh GordonReal Harvest
- Pastor Leroy SewellGood News
- Pastor Barrington BrennenPhiladelphia
- Pastor Hugh RoachNew Providence

Churches

- Pastor Leo RolleFrancophone
- Pastor Jeremiah DuncombeCentreville
- Pastor Wilfred AdderleyBreath of Life
- Pastor Michael TooteLiving Faith
- Pastor Paul ScavellaBerea
- Pastor Kent PriceNew Englerston
- Pastor Fritz G. Francois.....Message of Hope
- Pastor Owusu Boateng.....Parkgate
- Pastor Lynden Williams.....Bethany

The host pastor is responsible for making adequate preparation. All preachers will be rotated annually.-Pastor Peter Joseph, Ministerial Director

Watch Adventists Speak

Adventists Speak is a new program on ZNS-TV Channel 11 on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. This week’s topic: “Christian Stewardship”

Special Vespers Schedule for June 1st

We are inviting all Prayer Ministry Leaders in New Providence churches to attend a very special Vespers at the Breath of Life Prayer Center, Marshall Road, on Friday, June 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. From there on the Prayer Center will be open all day on Sabbaths and Sundays from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information call 341-8686 or 535-6254-

Mental Health Summit I

Today, Sabbath, May 26, 5:30 p.m. at the Grant’s Town Church an exciting seminar for Adventists and other Christians on mental illnesses and the use of psychotropic drugs will be held.

New Providence Church Sanctuary Choir In Concert

YES, WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN! This coming Sunday night, May 27 at 7:15 o'clock at the New Providence Church on Soldier Road, join the New Providence Church Sanctuary Choir in a praise and worship gospel explosion as we worship God in Spirit and in truth in a repeat performance of our recently held concert in Freeport, Grand Bahama.

Guest church choirs and artists will be there from most of our Adventist churches. Come and revive your Sunday night experience in Christ.-Eleanor Pintard

Conference-wide Cooking Seminar

The Conference-wide cooking seminar continues tomorrow, Sunday, May 27, at the New Providence Church hall. This session will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Use this opportunity to invite your friends and colleagues. -*Dr. Idamae Hanna, Health Ministries Director*

Eagle Music Ministry Network

Under the theme "Vessels of Honour - Prepared for Ministry." The 2nd Annual Conference/Workshop of The Eagle Music Ministry Network will be held July 18 to 22, 2007, at the Living Church, Old Trail Road. This Workshop is intended to enhance our Music Education and continue with training our Trainers and Musicians for Ministry. Persons who have received application forms are reminded to submit them to the Conference office. Online registration is now available at the Bahamas Conference web site, in your local church and at the Conference Office. -*Allison M. Rolle (for) EMMN Committee*

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 Monday, 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*

Mental Health Summit II

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

Evangelism School

Evangelism School will continue on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillview Church.

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*

20th Annual Jeff Rodgers Camp

Basketball Camp will be held June 25 to July 20, 2007 at the H. D. Colburn Gym. Registration is ongoing at the Conference Office and Bahamas Academy. -*Jeff Rodgers*

Lay Preacher's Workshop

Lay Preacher's Workshop will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hillview Church (Apology is given for last week's notice stating that the meeting was to be

held this week Thursday). -*Pastor Peter Joseph*

Adventist Book Centre Open Tomorrow

The ABNC will be open tomorrow, Sunday, May 27, 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*

Note of Thanks

Pastor S. N. McKinney, who was recently hospitalized, is now greatly improved. He is almost completely recovered. We thank God for His blessings and His mercies! And we thank you for your encouraging telephone calls, your visits and your prayers on his behalf! God bless you!

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 26, the Philadelphia Church is expected. Next week Sabbath, June 2, Real Harvest is scheduled.

Combined Youth Choir to Rehearse

Practice for the combined Mass Youth choir for Midyear Convention continues at the Living Faith Church today 4:30 sharp. A special invitation is extended to all former Mass choir members, Unity, Blessed, Harmonious Praise and Praise Reunion Choir. -*Tony Russell, Conductor*

Midyear Convention Choir to Rehearse

All members of the Convention Choir and persons wishing to join are invited to rehearsals on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (All Ladies) from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (All men) at the Grant's Town Church. Persons from the Adventist Men Choirs (Conference-wide) are invited to participate. -*Nelson J. Bain, Coordinator*

Family Island Summer Initiative Outreach

Persons interested in volunteering for Family Island Summer Evangelism outreach to Eleuthera June 2 to 16, 2007 and North Andros June 8 to 16, 2007, respectively are invited to contact Bro. David Williams at 322-4914 between 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. -*David Williams, Crusade Coordinator for Lay Family Island Evangelism*

Pastors/Elders Summit

A summit for pastors and elders will be conducted at the New Providence Community Church, Blake Road, June 20-21, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Issues and programs related to pastor/elder cooperation and function as well as sharpening the skills for local leadership will be addressed substantively. -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Ministerial Director*

Youth Announcements

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

*All roads lead to Breath of Life Church, on

Marshall Road for the Adventurers Fair and Fun Day Monday, May 28th from at 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A fun time is planned for all children. There will be bouncing castles, hot dogs, and all the fun things kids love. Parents are encouraged to bring the children out for a few hours of good wholesome fun.

*Adventist Volleyball Season Results: Centreville Stingers are the Champions, Hillview came in 1st, Bethany 2nd, and Parkgate 3rd. The Sports Council and Youth Ministries Department thank all coaches, team member Pastors, Elders and all church members for their Support. We seek the continued support of all.

*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.

*Sports Council to meet Saturday May 25th, 8:30p.m. at BA Gym. All are asked to be on time

*Youth camp Meeting will be held during July 1-14, 2007. Bible workers, musicians, and all persons interested in working on the team are asked to sign up with the Youth Ministries Department. Our speaker for the Youth Camp Meeting is Ministerial Student Joseph Mahadeo, of Trinidad and Tabago.

*National youth Month is scheduled for October. National Youth March will be held Sunday October 7th, 2007. Plan now to attend and be a part of the National Youth Month events.

*Mass Youth Choir to practice Sunday June 3rd, 6pm - 8pm at Living Faith church. All youth interested in singing in this choir for the Youth Camp Meeting are asked to attend this initial meeting. Praise teams, musicians are invited to attend.

*Pathfinder and Masterguide Camporee March 20 - 25, 2008, Philips Field, Jamaica. Plan now to attend. You may contact the Bahamas Conference Of Seventh-day Adventists Youth Ministries Department for further details. -*Curtis Bryan, Associate Youth Director, Bahamas Conference*

Adventist Educators Association will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. at the Doctors Hospital Conference Room. All association members and teachers are invited to attend.

Parkgate Church Health Symposium

The Health Ministries department of the Parkgate Seventh-day Adventist Church on Parkgate Road off of Kemp Road invites you to attend a Health Symposium on June 2, 2007. Dr. Carey Bullard will speak on Female and Pediatric Health and Wellness. Dr. Joseph Evans will address Male Health and Wellness. Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. Bring a pen, a pad, questions, and a friend.

Sun sets today at 7:53 p.m.