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“Lord Transform Me”

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INGATHERING: A POWERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST



The concept of Ingathering may be for many Seventh-day

Adventists, the time of year when the members are called upon to solicit funds for the Church's mission outreach program. Should this be the main focus of Ingathering? Take a look at scripture. Ask God to guide you as you witness for Him and minister to those in need. Consider these few points: (1) Jesus spoke to the selfishness in people when He said, "What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul; or what can he exchange for his soul; and lay not up for yourselves, treasures on the earth" (Matthew 16:26 & 6:19). The golden rule was Christ's answer to the selfish desire of our hearts to focus on materialism and ourselves. He said, "And as you would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31). It is unlikely that anyone in need would reject help. The challenging question is how would anyone know your situation if you say nothing? Should those who know, simply ignore your needs? (2) Ingathering is a program that has support in the word of God. Consider 1 Corinthians 16:1-3 which calls for the collection for the saints.

The apostle Paul instructed the believers to prepare their packages and gifts, on the first day of the week, whether of: produce, clothes or money to be sent to Jerusalem, so he would not be held up by gathering these donations from their homes. This program was to help the Christians and others because of the famine in Jerusalem. There are great economic challenges in the Bahamas and as a result, people are faced with the realities of the time; many families are in need of the three basic needs of humanity: food, clothes and shelter. The South Bahamas Conference extends support to the needy on a daily basis. (3)

Again in the words of Christ, we are instructed to meet the needs of people in the community, whether they are Christians or not. Matthew 25:34 - 36, points out that God will reward the saints who are saved when He returns because they: fed those who were hungry, gave water to those who thirst, visited those in prison, sheltered those in need, clothed those who were naked, and visited those who were sick. Jesus said, "As often as we do it unto the least of persons, it is done unto Him. These six ministries of compassion will be God's measuring rod along with obedience to His commandments for those who will be eligible to enter heaven's gates (Rev. 22:14).

By participating in the Ingathering Programme, we accomplish two things: (a) Persons helped have the opportunity to be compassionate and do for others as they would want done to them and for them. (b) We witness for Christ to the entire nation giving a powerful message that we are our brothers' keepers. God will hold us to this. Therefore, in confidence, with love for souls, and joy as Christ's witnesses, let us go ingathering. -Dr. Wilfred Adderley, Former Director, South Bahamas Conference

ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, November 5 - November 11, 2017 is: **Thankful for Life.** - Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

EVANGELISTIC AND FAITH BUILDING SERIES AT BETHANY

The **Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church** located on K.D. Albury Lane, North, Westridge is inviting the entire South Bahamas Conference to "**A Love Encounter**" - *Transformed by Experiencing the Heart of God* - on **November 8-11, 2017**. This will be a four day evangelistic and faith building series designed to reveal the heart of the Father and the completed work of Jesus Christ as presented in the scriptures. Come and experience a closer encounter! -Pastor Kenny Deveaux, Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church



The guest presenters are Dr. Ray Ostrander and Dr. Marie Ostrander from Andrews University; and Pastor Levi Johnson, Central Jamaica Conference president. - Pastor Peter Joseph, Family Life Ministries

ASI BUSINESS FAIR

The ASI Business Fair will be held at the old Bahamas Academy Gym on November 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. All businesspersons who are interested in renting a booth may contact the local ASI representative at their church, President Ian Greene at 556 0492, Secretary Shandera Smith at 803 6543 or Treasurer Victoria Forbes at 427 2341. Booths are sized 10 x 10 for a nominal fee. Electrical power, tables, chairs or any other amenity are available at a low cost. -Elder Ian Greene, President; ASI

PRAYER MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

The 3rd Annual SBC Prayer Ministries Prayer Conference and Retreat will be held at the Courtyard Marriot on West Bay Street in New Providence, Bahamas on February 1 - 4, 2018. Stop by the South Bahamas Conference office or call 341-4021 to reserve your room! Residential or non-residential registration is available. Space is limited. Call Elder David Knowles: 4251191, or Elder Keble Dawkins: 455-0276, or Sis. Ali McIntosh: 423-2709 for package prices -Prayer Ministries

QUARTERLY ALL NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

The quarterly all night prayer meeting will be held at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday and Sunday, November 4, and 5, 2017 at 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Emphasis will be on the annual week of prayer on November 4 - 11, 2017. Breakfast will follow! - *Sister Ali McIntosh & Elder David Knowles*

WEEK-DAY LOCAL TV PROGRAMS

This is the amended schedule of programs for ATV:

- Around the Conference - Mondays 7:00 a.m.
- Adventist News - Fridays 4:00 p.m.
- Voices - Tuesdays 5:00 p.m.
- NBC Focus - Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETING BURIAL SOCIETY

The Seventh-day Adventist Burial society will hold its regular monthly meeting on November 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grant's Town Church Annex. There were five deaths in 2016 and two deaths in 2017. Members are encouraged to become financial and persons wishing to join the society are invited to attend. -*Elder R. Henry Moncur*

PARL DEPARTMENT

The Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department needs the names of all active and retired civil servants by November 15, 2017, to include in the booklet for the service in 2018. Kindly submit same to the Conference office to the attention of Mrs. Bridgette Bastian. -*Pastor Paul Scavella, Director*

SOBCRA'S ANNUAL RETREAT

The *Annual Retreat* of the South Bahamas Conference Retirees Association (SoBCRA) will be held on Thursday, November 23, 2017 at the residence of Elder and Mrs. Anthony Burrows, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All retirees in the South Bahamas Conference are invited to attend. Please call Pastor John Carey (557-2037), or Pastor Neville Scavella (364-1460) to confirm your attendance. -*Dr. John Carey, President; SoBCRA*

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES 4th Quarter at a Glance

November 18th - Women's Ministries Leaders Chat and Chew
December 2017 - Sisters bringing Yuletide - Zone 4 Outreach Initiative Geriatric Home, Her Majesty's Prison and Children's Home. -*Sister Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director*

HEALTH MINISTRIES

8 Weeks to Wellness Coaches

All persons interested in working as coaches for 8 Weeks to Wellness 2018, are asked to contact Sis. Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610.

AHPA Year-end Get Together

All health professionals, health directors/assistants and those with a passion for health are invited to the AHPA/Health Ministries yearend get-together on November 26, 2017. For further details, call Sis. Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610 or email: lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com

Inagua Health Expo

Health and Women's Ministries directors will be travelling to Inagua on December 1 - 4, 2017 to facilitate a wellness weekend. All persons interested in being a part of this weekend expo, may contact Sis. Nathelyn Lacroix at 323-0610.

Uchee Pines: For Remedies and Preventative Medicine

All persons interested in travelling to Uchee Pines on March 25-29, 2018 to attend the Simple Remedies and Preventive Medicine seminar may contact Sis. Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610.

Save the Date

8 Weeks to Wellness 2018 starts February 5, 2018. Put things in order now for this beneficial exposure to your health! -*Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

WORLD DIABETES DAY SEMINAR

If you are a woman with diabetes or know a woman with diabetes, you don't want to miss the upcoming **World Diabetes Day Living Well Symposium** under the theme, *Diabetes and Women: Our Right to A Healthy Future* on Thursday, November 23, 2017 at the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church Hall on Great Britain Street in Flamingo Gardens. Health screenings begin at 4:00 p.m. There will be various guest speakers and demonstrations, giveaways and prizes. For more information and to reserve your seat, call 502-4855 or WhatsApp 802-3668 or email us at footworsk242@gmail.com

CARIBBEAN WELLNESS WEEK

The 2017 Caribbean Wellness Fun Run Walk is on Sunday, November 5, 2017. The group leaves Arawak Cay at 6:00 a.m. Fruits and water will be available for all participants. The largest church group will be recognized. -*Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

CHAM UPDATES

***Children's Day** at each church on Sabbath, **November 25, 2017**. The Theme is **"Called to be Faithful"**. All leaders and assistants should have the program. If you have not started working with the children and adolescents, as yet, it is time to begin. We are only three weeks away!

***Children's Agape Praise** at the **Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church** on Sabbath, **November 25, 2017** at 4:00 p.m. The entire family and community friends are invited. Take careful note of the venue.

***Fun-day** at the Breath of Life Grounds on Sunday, **November 26, 2017** at 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Get your tickets from your CHAM leader or assistant leader. -*Joan Scavella, Director*

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The South Bahamas Conference Community Services Department desires to establish a food bank that will serve as a major resource to all of its community services programs within our local churches and Family Islands. Thus, we are seeking to locate a building from which to operate and store food. If anyone is able to assist us in locating a building from which to operate, please call the conference office. -*Pastor Craig Williams, Community Services Coordinator*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time (DST) ends on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 2:00 a.m. eastern time. Set your clock back an hour at this time. This makes for darker days, but you will gain an extra hour of sleep.

The tradition of daylight saving time can be traced back to 1908 and is thought to have been originally conceived by founding father Benjamin Franklin. -*Editor*



YOUTH TIDBITS In Gratitude

On behalf of the Good News Pathfinder Club, we would like to say a heartfelt thanks to all who made our honors fair a tremendous success. -*Elder Sterling, Pathfinder Director; Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church*

Youth Award Banquet

The Youth Award Banquet is scheduled for December 17, 2017. Tickets will be available this weekend. For cost, kindly contact your youth leader.

Letters were sent to the churches requesting sponsorship of a few youth to attend the banquet. (Banquet is open to every SBC youth). -*Pastor L. Green, Youth Ministries Director*

Oshkosh Camporee

Registration continues for Oshkosh Camporee 2019. See your youth leader or Director Patrick Wilson at the conference office. -*Mr. Patrick Wilson, Pathfinder Director*

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH NOVEMBER 11, 2017 AT 5:24 P.M.

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Have a blessed Sabbath!

