

# Logos of June 21, 2008

## **Focus on Bible Conference and Mid-year Convention**

Since we met in our January Convention, we have engaged in a number of activities to facilitate the spreading of the gospel throughout our territory. As we give God the glory for the things He has done, we shift our gaze and focus on the upcoming Bible Conference and Mid-year Convention. Using the theme "Signs of Hope," the Bahamas Conference will hold its Convention, Symposium, and Bible Conference from 5:30 Sabbath afternoon, June 21, to Sabbath evening, June 28, 2008.

**At the Symposium**, presenters from the community and the church will be addressing the issue of "Crime and Violence in Our Society." All of us are affected by this issue, so plan to be at the Hillview Church, this afternoon, June 21, at 5:30 to hear how to cope with the challenges of the times. Remember that an informed person is a prepared person.

**Bible Conference** One of the activities that enlightened them and strengthened the faith of the early Adventists was the Bible conferences that were held at various locations in the United States. At these intensive study sessions, many theological and other spiritual issues were discussed and clarified. Similarly the opportunity is being provided for us in the Bahamas Conference to study selected topics from the Word of God in a more pointed way. With the guidance of experienced Adventist scholars, we usually go away from a Bible conference with a greater understanding of and appreciation for the Word of God.

This year the person chosen as the main presenter for the conference is an outstanding teacher, pastor, university professor, author, caring husband and a father of three adult children. He is Dr. Bertram Melbourne, a graduate of Andrews University and the main contributor to last quarter's Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide. You cannot afford to be absent from this special conference. It begins on Sunday, June 22, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillview Church, Tonique Williams-Darling Highway.

**Convention Highlights Youth** Mid-Year Convention provides the opportunity for our people to come together in Christian fellowship and to be inspired by dynamic preaching. It's a highly spiritual gathering that prompts one to re-examine his/her relationship with God. This convention is going to highlight the youth of the church.

So often we pay much attention to the negatives of the young people and overlook the majority of our youth who are doing a lot of positive things. During this convention, you will see young people involved in positive activities, and we will be able to give them the recognition they deserve.

There will be day sessions that will include devotions at 9:15 a.m., community service projects, seminars, an evening of games and other activities, as well as baptismal classes for persons interested in being baptized. Check the Conference web-site for a schedule of the day sessions. It is crucial that teenagers and young adults attend these sessions that will be of special benefit to them.

On Wednesday, June 25, Dr. Leonard A. Johnson will be the keynote speaker for the opening of the convention. The program will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Grant's Town Church, Wellington Street. Our special guest for the occasion will be the Minister of State for Youth and Sports, Mr. Byron Woodside, MP; and the Masterguides and Pathfinders will form the colour guard. The speakers for Thursday and Friday evenings will be Pastors Ryan Simpson and Calvin Watkins, respectively. Pastor Watkins will also speak during the divine service on Sabbath at the New Bahamas Academy site, Marshall Road.

### **Hymn Festival and Awards Ceremony**

Beginning at 5:00 Sabbath afternoon, June 28, the convention will climax with a Hymn Festival and an Awards Ceremony at the Hillview Church. As we sing to the honour and glory of God, the new believers will be exposed to many of the favourite hymns in our Church Hymnal, and the older members will be reminded of their journey of faith. A fitting conclusion to the convention will be the presentation of awards to local missionary couples who contributed their time, talents, and treasures to enhance the growth of the work, especially in the Family Islands.

Let us prepare to participate in all of the activities that have been planned to draw us closer to our Lord. Have a happy Sabbath! - **Dr. L. A. Johnson, President, Bahamas Conference of SDA**

**Sabbath School** Sabbath School Teacher Certification Seminar, June 23 and 24, 2008, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Hillview S.D.A. Church. All Sabbath School Superintendents, Teachers and Assistants Teachers, A SS Secretary, Interest Coordinator and Personal Ministries Directors from all Adventist Church are requested to attend. -Pastor Wilfred T. Adderley, Assistant Sabbath School director

**A Salute to Fathers Part II Continued from Last Week**

**Good Fathers Provide for Family**

Fathers should make provisions for the needs of their children – security; material things like food, clothes and shelter; love; educational needs; and spiritual guidance. The demands are greater, but our heavenly Father will provide. Fathers are His hands, feet, eyes and voice to their offspring.

We salute all fathers, the bread winners, who provide for their households. Fathers, for the many days of toil and labor to take care of your family, we thank you! There are some countries in this world where poverty and starvation face the entire population. The Lord has blessed us with a measure of material prosperity here in the Bahamas.

Fathers, use your resources wisely and well as you provide for the needs and some of the wants of your family. The Lord will bless you and your storehouse in ways you did not expect, for He is the Great Provider through difficult as well as bountiful times.

We praise all fathers who express love, verbally and non-verbally to their children. Some fathers may think it is "macho" to be the strong silent type; but children, especially in their formative years need to feel, and be confident of their father's love. Those fathers with tender and caring hearts will draw their children to them. Affirmation and love foster strong father-child attachment and vibrant emotional growth in children. When youngsters mature in the right way socially, this helps them to avoid the pitfalls of looking for love in all the wrong places.

### **Christian Fathers Set Example**

We give kudos to all fathers who spend time, quality time, to develop a bond with their children. In this way Dad becomes their hero. When problems or questions arise, they will confide in Dad, get his well-thought-out advice and many times be spared the influence of wicked and unscrupulous people. A hedge is placed around the family unit, and it becomes more closely knit. We appreciate all fathers who encourage their offspring to get a good education. Education and training prepare young people to face the world and make a living for themselves. However, the principal thing is wisdom, heavenly wisdom, which the Holy Scriptures provide – a vital component to a well rounded Christian young person.

We commend all fathers who instill true values in their children. This is often better "caught" than taught. When parents don't even realize it, children are watching their actions closely. Children who adhere to Christian values will be spared a lot of trouble and heartache in this world and will be respected for their integrity and high standards.

We honor all fathers who, out of a genuine relationship with their heavenly Father, introduce their children to Him and teach them to love Him, trust Him and walk in His ways. When Fathers "walk the walk" and are like Him, their children see Christ in them and want to be like Him also. Fathers, who are like Him are real home-builders, and are the strength of this Church, of this nation and of the world! Fathers, we love you! God bless you!  
-Ruth McKinney

**Convention Choir Rehearsal** The first and final Convention Choir rehearsal will be held on Monday, June 23 and Tuesday, June 24 at the Grant's Town Church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Singers from all Adventist churches, EMMN Choir, Meistersingers and Adventist Men Chorale are asked to support this rehearsal. -Nelson J. Bain

**School of Evangelism** The next session of the School of Evangelism begins Sunday, June 22, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the Living Faith Church.

**Noon Prayer Meeting At Philadelphia Church** The doors of Philadelphia will be opened for prayer on Tuesdays at noon for one hour. You are invited to join in this time of special prayer and praise. Come and be blessed.

**Congratulations** Congratulations to Cristy Creighton on receiving the highest SAT results at grade 11 Kingsway Academy and on becoming the head girl for the 2008-2009 school year. -The Creighton Family

**The Eagle Music Ministry Network Choir** will meet on Sunday, June 22 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the New Englerston Church, in preparation for its 3rd Annual Conference/Workshop.

**Hymnfest Rehearsal** - The Johnson Park, Gambier, Real Harvest, New Providence and New Englerston Youth and Sanctuary Choirs are asked to meet at 4:45 p.m to 5:30 p.m. today, June 21, 2008 at the New Englerston Church. We look forward to seeing you on time! Allison M. Rolle

**All Church Music** Ministers/Choir Directors/Praise Team Leaders - You are invited to attend a meeting with reference to the Eagle Music Ministry Annual Conference/Workshop at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2008 in the East Wing at the Hillview Church. - Allison M. Rolle

The New Englerston Prayer Ministry will visit with the Breath of Life Prayer Ministry at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2008. You are invited to join us there! Roger & Allison Rolle  
New Englerston Early Morning Prayer Meeting

New Englerston's Prayer Meeting will be held again on Sunday, July 6 at New Englerston, the weekend following Convention. - Allison M. Rolle

**July 13 to 19, 2008** -The Eagle Music Ministry Network will launch its 3rd Annual Music Conference/Workshop as an Outreach in our community. This year's Conference will be held at The New Destiny Baptist Cathedral, Baillou Hill Road. Registration Forms are available at the Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and at the New Destiny Cathedral. Persons may also register at bahamasconference.org We ask your support and prayers as we strive to make a difference in this area of Ministry!

**National Adventist Chorale to Perform Handel's Messiah in December.** All church choirs (youth and senior) and interested persons are invited to attend the first rehearsal on Sunday, June 22, 2008, at 4:45 p.m. at Hillview Church (for one hour), of the Handel's Messiah. -Pastor Barrington Brennan

**Adventist Men Chorale will be** participating in the upcoming Independence celebrations. Hence all Adventist Men Chorale members and men wishing to join the chorale are asked to meet for choir rehearsal on Sunday, June 22 at the Living Faith Church at 9:00 a.m.

**Cat Island Adventist Advancement Society** to meet on Sunday, July 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hillview Church. Members and Friends of Cat Island are invited to attend. -N. Seymour

**Youth Announcements**  
Final Payment for WIU Pathfinder/Master Guide Camporee due by June 30.

The opening ceremony for Mid-Year Convention will be take place on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Grant's Town Church . Pathfinders, Masterguides and AY leaders are asked to be out in uniforms. Persons participating in the opening ceremony, and the evening program, as well as choir members are asked to be out by 6:30 p.m.

Registration for Day Sessions for Convention: Registration for all young people participating will be held on Monday morning, June 23 from 8:30 to 9:15 at the Grant's Town church.

Bahamas Conference Youth Choir practice continues today at 4:30 at the New Providence

Church. All young persons who are interested in being in the Conference Youth Choir and singing during Mid-Year Convention are asked to attend.

Basketball tonight, June 21 at the Bahamas Academy Gym.

All Youth Directors and church coaches for all sports are asked to contact Bobby Romer at 361-0692 or 433-9242 or 636-9509 or at email address romer42@msn.com -Pastor Andrew E. Burrows, Youth Director

The 21st Annual Jeff Rodgers Basketball Camp will be held June 23 to July 18 at the H.D. Colburn Gym. Registration in progress Persons who volunteered to work at Camp "Yes I Can" for underprivileged children, ages 8 to 14, June 29 to July 6, 2008, are asked to meet at the Camp Bamivoca site, South Beach on Sunday, June 22 at 10 a.m. for a very important meeting. Sis. Marilyn Bonamy -393-8507 or 427-3476

The Hour of Gospel Music at the Mary Ingraham Home continues today from 6 to 7 p.m. with Cherenfant's Group .The Bahamas Conference is scheduled for next Sabbath, June 28, 2008.

MBA at Nova southeastern University All persons interested in registering for the MBA program at Nova Southeastern University are asked to contact Charlisa Cash at 364-1864 (H0 341-4021 (W) or email at cedelancy@yahoo.com

**Death Notice** Sister Diana Ward a faithful member of the Hillview Adventist Church died on Fathers' Day, June 15, 2008 in Hazel Green, Alabama. She was 83 years old. Funeral service was held at First Church SDA Church, Huntsville, Alabama on Thursday, June 19, 2008.

**Independence Fun Run/Walk** The 35th Independence Anniversary Celebrations Committee is sponsoring a Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, July 6, 2008 starting at 6:00 a.m. at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre. All Adventists, especially the Pathfinders are invited to participate. The route will be published in next week's Logos.

Upcoming Events

July 26 -Men's Conference  
Nov. 28 - 30 -Spirit of Prophecy Weekend

Dec. 13 Masterguide Investiture  
Sun Sets Today at 8:02 p.m.  
Sun Sets next Sabbath at 8:04 p.m

