

THE LOGOS



“People of Hope”

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HOMESCHOOLING - AN ADVENTIST EDUCATION ESSENTIAL

Adventist Education is a significant pillar of our faith and a mandate given from God to His people. The purpose of Adventist education is to help our children love the Lord and serve Him and other people now and for eternity.

It is made complete when the home, church, and school work in harmony to educate every child entrusted to our care. In order for our faith to be passed on successfully to the next generation, the home, church, and school must work together. If any of these institutions fails to do its part in or is not a part of the life of a child, the job of educating for eternity is made more difficult.

On this Adventist education Sabbath, we focus our attention on the first of these three institutions, **The Home**, and declare that based on God's mandate, *every child should be homeschooled*.

Some time ago, the Adventist Church in North America conducted a study called "Valuegenesis" which set out to study how young people grow in their faith and relationship with God. It sought to discover what factors in young people's lives would keep them in the Adventist church. Of the three areas that they found to strongly influence young people's spiritual growth - the home, church, and school- the home was the most influential. The research showed that strong Christian families are essential to retaining children in the church and in their daily walk with God. Parents possess a God-given power to train and influence their children in ways a church or school cannot.

Ellen White underscores the importance of the home in a child's spiritual growth when she says, "God has given to all fathers and mothers the responsibility of bringing their children to Jesus, teaching them how to pray and believe in the Word of God. In the education of your children lay not the grand truths of the Bible to one side, supposing that the Sabbath school and the minister will do your neglected work. The Bible is not too sacred and sublime to be opened daily and studied diligently. The truths of the Word of God are to

be brought into contact with the supposed little things of life. If rightly regarded they will brighten the common life, supplying motives for obedience and principles for the formation of a right character." (*The Adventist Home*, p. 189).

Also, in Deuteronomy 6:1-9, God outlines the responsibility we have as parents to homeschool our children. So important were God's commands that Moses instructed us to do everything possible to remember and incorporate them into our daily lives. The spiritual education of our children at home is to take place every day through our example as well as through the repetition of the law. With the acceptance of these commands, the study findings that Roger Dudley reports in his book, *Faith in the Balance*, come as no surprise. He reports the following 5 effectiveness factors in the home that together develop a mature faith and denominational loyalty in young Adventists.

1. Mother. A highly religious mother who is comfortable talking about her faith, shares her faith with her children often, and discusses matters of faith with them.

2. Father. A father of strong faith who is comfortable talking about his faith, shares his faith with his children often, and discusses his faith with them.

3. Support. Children need to have frequent and positive communication with their parents. They also need to feel that they are a part of a family that loves them, cares for them, and is supportive of them.

4. Control. Children need parents who fairly and firmly enforce strong rules in a loving manner, punish wrong behavior, and set limits on the child's use of time. **Countless young people have left the Adventist Church, never to return, because churches and schools have usurped this area that only parents should enter.**

5. Spiritual togetherness. When the family frequently has interesting and meaningful worships and participate in projects to help other people, the children are more likely to develop a mature faith and show denominational loyalty.

George Barna in his book, *Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions - Why Children Should Be Your Church's #1 Priority* reported findings that showed the probability of a person between the ages of 5 and 12 taking Jesus as his or her personal Savior was 32%, for those between 13 and 18 - 4%, and

for those 19 and older - 6%. What this means is that if our children are to sit with us around Jesus' feet in heaven, we as parents have to guide them at an early age into wise choices through proper instruction in the home. Therefore, in joyous anticipation of wonderful, eternal, familial fellowship in heaven, let us ask God to help us provide the best homeschooling possible. Our precious "gifts" deserve it. -Dr. Cheryl R. Rolle, Education Director

TOWN MEETING

All are invited to attend another town meeting that will be held on Wednesday, April 28 at the Hillview Church at 7:30 P.M. The purpose will be to continue the agenda of the town meeting held on Wednesday, April 21. An update on the new Bahamas Academy will be given. Please make a special effort to attend. Office of the Secretariat

ACTS 7 DAYS

"Acts 7 Days", a pulpit exchange among the pastors of New Providence and the Family Islands for the purpose of winning one hundred souls cumulatively in several one week series, will be held during April, May, and June. Pastors with more than one assignment may extend into July, August, and September. The following are the assignments for this year. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Ministerial Director

Participants

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| Pastor Peter Joseph | -Adelaide |
| Pastor Leonardo Rahming | -Berea |
| Pastor Andrew Burrows | -Bethany |
| Pastor Wilson Isnord | -Bethel |
| Pastor Kent Price | -Breath of Life |
| Pastor Barrington Brennen | -Centreville |
| Elder Howard Barr | -Ebenezer |
| Pastor Edward St. Fleur | -Francophone |
| Pastor Lynden Williams | -Gambier |
| Pastor Leonardo Rahming | -Good News |
| Pastor Jeremiah Duncombe | -Grant's Town |
| Pastor Paul Scavella | -Hillview |
| Pastor Michael Toote | -Johnson Park |
| Pastor Leroy Sewell | -Johnson Road |
| Pastor Peter Joseph | -Living Faith |
| Pastor Leroy Sewell | -Maranatha |
| Pastor Paul Scavella | -Message of Hope |
| Pastor Michael Toote | -New Englerston |
| Pastor Kent Price | -New Providence |
| Pastor Edward St. Fleur | -Parkgate |
| Elder Melvin Lewis | -Peardale |
| Pastor Hugh Roach | -Philadelphia |
| Pastor Leonard Johnson | -Real Harvest |
| Elder Kenny Deveaux | -Redemption |

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Participants **Family Island Churches**

Pastor Valentino Campbell -Acklins and Crooked Island
 Pastor Terry Tanis -South Andros
 Pastor Ashton McFall -North Andros
 Pastor Fritz Francois -Cat Island
 Pastor Valentino Campbell -Crooked Island
 Pastor Anastacia Ferguson -Eleuthera
 Pastor Anson Albany -Eleuthera
 Pastor Craig Williams -Exuma
 Pastor Danhugh Gordon -Inagua
 Pastor Nikita Thompson -Long Island
 Pastor Larry Greene -San Salvador
-Pastor Peter Joseph, Ministerial Director

MEN'S BODY BUILDING

CONFERENCE

It's free!! Registration for the 2010 Men's Summit, under the theme, "Body Building God's Way", is free. Just remember to bring a liberal offering. It will begin on Monday, April 26 at 7:00 P.M. at the Centreville Church. Registered or not, just be there. Meetings will be held each evening at 7:00. The music focus will be Elder Colyn Major. Other presenters will be Elder Andrew McFall, Pastors Peter Joseph and Michael Toote, Dr. Joseph Evans, and President Leonard Johnson. *-Pastor Paul Scavella, Men's Ministries Coordinator*

ADVENTIST BUSINESS PERSONS MEETING

A meeting for Adventist business persons will be held tonight, April 24 at 7:30 at the Centreville Church. A steering committee will be formed at this meeting. Plan to be in attendance or send a representative. *-Pastor Paul Scavella*

PASTORS/ELDERS SUMMIT

The Pastors and Elders Summit will convene at the Hillview Church on May 17 and 18. The focus for this year is "Preaching, Teaching, Witnessing, and Leading Together." All pastors and elders are asked to attend. *-Pastor Peter Joseph, Ministerial Director*

SABBATH SCHOOL MEETING

The monthly meeting for Sabbath School superintendents will be held on Sunday, April 25 at the Maranatha Church at 10:00 A.M. *-Pastor Wilfred Adderley, Assistant SS Director*

NEW CONVERT SEMINAR FOR MEN

All Adventist men and boys who were baptized two years ago or less are invited to attend a seminar for new converts that will be held at Javarrs Twin Berry Inn in South Andros during May 21 to 23. Room and board are free. You need only provide your airfare. We can accommodate 40 persons only. The deadline to respond is May 13. Come and be spiritually blessed in this back-to-the-island experience. Call James Sands at 341-8661 or Pastor Joseph's office at 341-4021 to reserve your spot. *-Pastor Peter Joseph, Ministerial Director*

VBS WORKSHOP

All Children's Ministries leaders, lower

division teachers, and persons working in Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year are asked to attend a Vacation Bible School workshop on Sunday, April 25 at the Hillview Church from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon. *-Diane Jones, Children's Ministries Director*

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER

The ABC's sale with discounts up to 50% on selected items continues. In addition to our new supply of books, we have Bibles, hymnals, devotionals for all family members, and CDs by local artists such as Colyn Major, Pastor Wilfred Adderley, and the New Providence Church Choir. Also, extra Sabbath School supplies in all areas are available. *-Cherry Blackmore, ABC Manager*

CENSUS DAY

The Department of Statistics is finalizing preparations for the conduct of the decennial Census of Population and Housing scheduled for May 2010 with May 3 being Census Day. This is a massive and national exercise which yields a wealth of socio-demographic information critical for planning and policy making both in the private and government sectors.

All persons engaged to work on the Census are required to take an Oath of Secrecy and must publicly declare that they promise to keep all information collected by them confidential. This is done in the form of a mass swearing in ceremony with all personnel gathered at one venue. It takes place on Census Day and officially launches the Census. It will take place at the Sir Kendal Isaacs Gym between the hours of 5:30 and 7:00 P.M. on May 3. *-The Office of the Secretariat*

HOUR OF GOSPEL MUSIC

Today from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., the hour of gospel music will take place at the Mary Ingraham Home with the Maranatha Church. Next Sabbath, May 1, the Message of Hope Church is scheduled.

PARTNER WITH BA TODAY

Have you considered becoming a part of the Destiny Project? Pick up a form and partner with all the children of the Conference in building a better place of learning. Our goal this week is to encourage one hundred (100) new partners to budget a minimum of one dollar (\$1.00) per week for our New Bahamas Academy. Forms are available at the Conference Office or from Bahamas Academy. Once your registration is confirmed, expect regular communication and updates from the Fundraising Committee for Bahamas Academy. Funds can be placed in your local church envelope. This announcement only applies to persons who are not yet giving to BA. *-Pastor Paul Scavella*

A. CLARKE GC GROUP TO MEET

Persons in the A. Clarke GC Group are asked to meet at the Hillview Church on Sunday, April 25 at 11:00 A.M. *-A. Clarke*

GC ACCOMMODATIONS

Affordable living accommodations are available for two who wish to travel to Atlanta for GC2010 June 27-July 4. Call 392-4245 or 544-3150 for details. *-Office of the Secretariat*

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASTER GUIDE TRAINING

Master Guide training continues tomorrow, April 25 at 6:00 A.M. at Bahamas Academy on Wulff Road with a seminar on club organization.

IAD PATHFINDER CAMPOREE

The third Inter-American Division Camporee which will be held in Mexico City during April 17-24, 2011 is just one year away. It is IMPORTANT that all Pathfinders and Master Guides planning to attend observe the deadline for registration which is June, 2010. Deadline for ticket purchase is August, 2010. We suggest a five-month monthly payment plan starting this month.

All persons travelling must have a valid passport and a United States Visa. All funds will be collected and receipted by the Conference treasury staff.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, April 26 at 6:00 P.M. at the Grant's Town Church. It is important that all persons planning to make the trip attend. More information will be shared.

GENERAL YOUTH COUNCIL

MEETING

There will be a general youth council meeting for all persons involved in all areas of youth ministry (A.Y., Pathfinders, Master Guides, Adventurer, Music, Band, etc.) on Monday, April 26 at 7:00 P.M. immediately following the Mexico Camporee Meeting at the Grant's Town SDA Church. The President of the Conference, Pastor Leonard A. Johnson will be in attendance.

HILLVIEW YOUTH DRAMA

A post-Easter production will be presented by the Hillview Youth Drama Ministries at the National Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, April 25. Show times are 3:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Part proceeds from the event will be given to the Bahamas Academy building project. Tickets can be purchased at the ABNC, 100% Book & Bible store, and The National Centre for the Performing Arts.

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AT 7:37 P.M.

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SABBATH, MAY 1

AT 7:40 P.M.

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Of the members of the old rhetorical trio of ethos, pathos, and logos, Aristotle said that ethos is number one. Your character, trustworthiness, experience, and sincerity—your ethos—are the most persuasive tools you possess. So this week and every week when you’re doing your sermon preparation, remember to drain the liquid yourself. One Logos customer writes: “Great resource. Worth every penny. I have enjoyed Dr. Fruchtenbaum’s work for years. Answer: Logos is the Greek term translated as “word,” “speech,” “principle,” or “thought.” In Greek philosophy, it also referred to a universal, divine reason or the mind of God. In the New Testament, the Gospel of John begins, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Amazingly, this Logos came and lived among us: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). Try the world's most popular online logo maker for free. 01. Generate endless logos. Answer a few questions and Looka’s super-smart logo generator will present you with tons of options. A unique, non-templated approach means every design is original. You don’t need fancy design skills to create a logo you’ll love. Generate logos. 02. Customize your favorites. Our logo maker learns your preferences so you can get revisions and new logo ideas instantly.