

Seventh-day Adventists Believe...

- In A personal God. Hebrews 1:1-3
- In Jesus Christ, as the Divine Son of God and our Savior – John 1:1-3, 14; Hebrews 7:25.
- In the Holy Spirit, the divine Comforter, John 15:26
- In regeneration and the new birth, through the acceptance of the gospel, John 3:1-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- That the Bible is the inspired Word of God. – 2 Timothy 3:16,17.
- That the second coming of Christ is very near. That it will be literal, personal, and visible to all. John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; Matthew 24:30.
- That man by nature is mortal. – Job 4:1-7; 1 Timothy 6:15,16
- That immortality and eternal life are the gifts of God and are received only through Christ. – Romans 6:23
- That the dead are in an unconscious state. – Ecclesiastes 9:5; John 11:11-14
- That there will be a resurrection of the dead – 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17
- That the wicked will not urn eternally, but will be burned up. – Malachi 4:1-3
- That righteousness comes by faith, not by works. – Romans 4:3-5; Ephesians 2:8,9
- That salvation comes as a gift of God and is not received through any merit of the sinner's. – Ephesians 2:8.
- That the law of the Ten Commandments is the standard of righteousness by which all will be judged and which all Christians are commanded to obey. – James 2:10-12, Exodus 20:3-17
- That the original seventh-day Sabbath has never been changed by Divine authority and therefore all Christians are under obligation to keep it holy.- Genesis 2:2,3; Luke 23:54-56.
- In support of the gospel through tithes and offerings.- Leviticus 27:30,32; Malachi 3:8-11; Matthews 23:23
- In baptism by immersion.- Mark 1:9,10; Romans 6:3-5
- In the ordinances of humility and the Lord's Supper – John 13:4-17; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
- In the gifts of the Spirit, including the Spirit of prophecy.- Ephesians 4:8, 11; Revelation 12:17; Revelation 19:10;
- In discarding unhealthful practices, such as the use of intoxicants, tobacco, unclean meats, etc.- Proverbs 23:29-32; 1 Corinthians 3:16,17; Deuteronomy 14:3-20; Isaiah 66:15-17
- That the followers of Jesus should manifest true Christian modesty in dress and deportment, and should shun all questionable worldly amusements. 1 Timothy 2:9, 10; bac
- Matthew 24:37-32; 1Corinthians 3:16,17; Deuteronomy 14:3-20; Isaiah 66:15-17.
- That the foregoing principles are practiced, not from a sense of obligation or to enable the individual to "earn" a place in heaven, but rather come as the result of an experience in which there is a close walk with Christ and are a natural consequence of accepting Him as personal Savior. 1 Timothy 2:9,10; Matthew 24: 37-44; James 1:27

INFORMATION FOR THE PASTOR AND CHURCH OFFICERS

The person whose name appears below- Wishes...

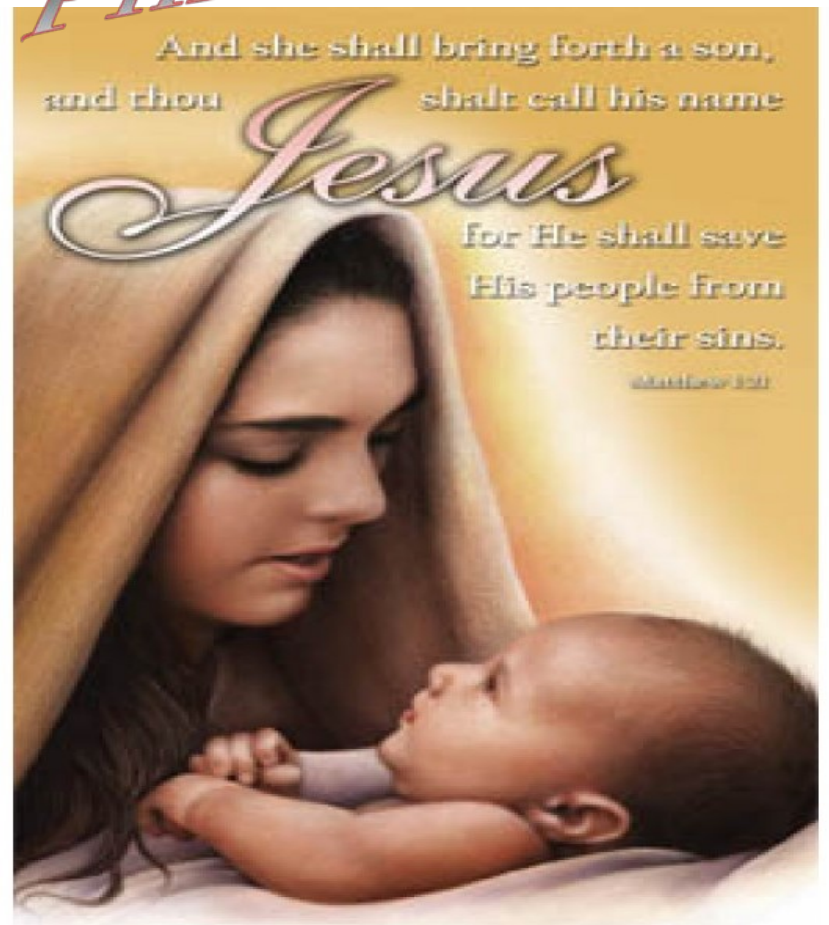
- Is ill at Home Has a New Address Have Bible Studies
 Is ill in the Hospital Desires a Pastoral Visit Be Baptized
 Is a Visitor Transfer Membership to this Church

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Seventh-day Adventist Church

Philadelphia



Pastor- Glendon G. Cross



First Elder- Gordon

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Divine Worship

Sabbath, December 17, 2016 11:00 a.m.

Order of Service

Introit----- *Joy to the World* -----Praise Team
Ordination Service-----*Pastor Cross and Elders*
Intercessory Prayer -----Sister Jestina Allicock
Welcome and Introduction-----Pastor Glendon G. Cross
Musical Selection-----"*Special Delivery*" -----Children's Choir
Proclamation in Poetry -----Elder Brian J. Smith
Musical Selection-----"*Go Tell It on the Mountain*" -----Male Quartet

WE LISTEN AND RESPOND AS GOD SPEAKS

Proclamation in Prose-----Pastor Glendon G. Cross

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE AND GIVING

Offertory -----#163 - At the Cross ----- Elder Ross Webster
Offertory Praise & Prayer -----Deaconess
#670 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

WE WORSHIP GOD IN MINISTRY & FELLOWSHIP

Children's Story-----#190 – *Jesus Loves Me*-----Deaconess
Instrumental Selection-----"*O Holy Night*"-----Brother Lance McKay
and Elder Dennis Powell

Musical Selection-----"*I Love the Lord*" -----Praise Team
Proclamation in Poetry -----Elder Brian J. Smith
Vocal Duet -----"*There is a Redeemer*" -----Sister Tessa Greenaway
and Brother Ronnie Greenaway

WE DEPART TO SERVE

Hymn of Commitment--#255 - *I Cannot Tell Why*---Elder Bernard Georges
Benediction-----Elder Bernard Georges

Thought for Today: God did not ordain that sin should exist, but He foresaw its existence, and made provision to meet the terrible emergency. So great was His love for the world, that He covenanted

to give His only-begotten Son, "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." **John 3:16**...This was a voluntary sacrifice. Jesus might have remained at the Father's side. He might have retained the glory of heaven, and the homage of the angels. But He chose to give back the scepter into the Father's hands, and to step down from the throne of the universe, that He might bring light to the benighted, and life to the perishing.

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Upcoming Events

Support Group For a Healthy Lifestyle

The Support Group for a Healthy Lifestyle will hold their next meeting on Sunday, December 18th 10:00 a.m. at the Philadelphia SDA Church. This will be a Praise, Prayer, and Thanksgiving service. All are welcome and bring your hymnals with you.

Communion Service

Celebration of The Lord's Supper will take place on December 24, 2016. As we prepare to close out the year 2016, let us prepare our hearts to partake in this blessing.

Community Outreach and Turn Around Service

On Sabbath, December 31, 2016, to make possible our final outreach to our community for this year well will be commencing service at 7:30 am. Following our worship service well will be going out to engage our community through door to door outreach.

Year End/New Year's Eve Service

To celebrate God's great love and tender mercies in securing our lives and health throughout 2016 we will commence our service at 4:00 pm on Sabbath afternoon, December 31, 2016.

Adventist Book Center

The Adventist Book Center announces its Annual End Of Year Sale. Save Up to 90% Storewide. 2017 Devotionals, Bible Games, Books, Food, etc. Some items are limited. St. Thomas – December 18th – December 23rd

The **City SDA Church** Music Committee invites you to an Annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 7:00pm to be held at the City SDA Church

NORTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST YOUTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

“Cruise with a Mission” SENIOR YOUTH CAMP 2017
July 12th - 23rd

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CRUISE ITINERARY

| DAY | DATE | PORT |
|-----|------|----------------------------|
| SAT | 7-15 | Miami, United States |
| SUN | 7-16 | Day at sea |
| MON | 7-17 | Ocho Rios, Jamaica |
| TUE | 7-18 | Georgetown, Cayman Islands |
| WED | 7-19 | Cozumel, Mexico |
| THU | 7-20 | Day at sea |
| FRI | 7-21 | Nassau, Bahamas |
| SAT | 7-22 | Miami, United States |

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today!

From the Pastor's Desk

God loves us so much that to Him it was unimaginable that we should perish in and for our sins. To redeem us He gave His “only begotten Son”, Jesus the Christ. Because of this we are here today to worship and praise Him. We are delighted that you have joined us to do so and we welcome you. Reflect with us on the wonder of Jesus being born to die for us and let us give Him our lives as offerings of love and appreciation for His marvelous sacrifice on our behalf.

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Prayer Requests:

1. Our brethren who are hospitalized, locally and overseas, as well as those who are home bound due to chronic illness or advanced age.
2. Those of our brethren who have recently lost loved ones to death.
3. Our newly baptized members as they continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Saviour and LORD, Jesus Christ and are making their adjustments to fellowshiping and worshipping in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Early Morning Prayer Meeting

Tomorrow morning at 5:00 a.m. you are invited to come share in the ministry of intercessory prayer for the needs of our Church, our community and nation. Opportunities are provided for testimonies of praise and thanksgiving for God's faithfulness in hearing and answering our prayers.

Bible Study

There will be Bible study this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. All are invited back to join us as we study God's word together.

Family Ministries

1. The Family Ministries Team would like each married couple and adult single to have the powerful little book *Mad About Marriage* by Mike and Gayle Tucker. If you would prefer to have a digital copy you can obtain it from amazon.com. If you don't have a hard copy and desire one, see Family Ministries Leader Janice V. Williams.
2. Any single parent who did not receive the little book *Survival Tips for Single Parenting* please see Sister Janice V. Williams.

Personal Ministry

- A grateful thank you to the Philadelphia members and the Pathfinder Ministry for the awesome contribution made to the Pathfinder Honoree on her behalf.
- The contribution for the **Adopt-A-Family** Project is due on or before December 16, 2016
- The book of the year is still available

Women's Ministry

Many thanks to those who attended, presented, and contributed to the Women's Ministries Prayer Breakfast. May we all determine to stay connected to God in prayer and allow him to lead.

There will be fellowship lunch downstairs in the Fellowship Hall today for visitors, new converts and persons living alone who would like to stay and fellowship.

Prayer Tree

The **STT/STJ SDA School** is proud to invite you to their special "**Prayer Tree**" that has been decorated in the Emancipation

Garden for the Holidays. Each decoration represents something very important to us. For example: the candles – our commission to go light the world; the bells – ringing the message of Jesus' Second Coming; the stars – Jesus is the light of the world. Also located on the tree are three "House of Prayer" boxes whereby you can place your prayer. We thank you for supporting our outreach efforts. This is another way of demonstrating to the community that we believe in the power of prayer.

SDA School HASA

A Meeting of the Chefs/Cooks fundraising activity will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2017, from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 pm at the Fort Christian Parking Lot.

Come out to experience culinary expertise from various top chefs/cooks from all the Seventh-day Adventist churches on St. Thomas. It promises to be a food sale in a class above all others.

Tickets can be purchased from the following: Parents of Students from the SDA School, 12th Grade Students and the Seventh-day Adventist School. Ticket: \$12

You don't want to miss this extraordinary event.

Pastries and local drinks will also be on sale.

MARANATHA PATHFINDER CLUB

Big Breakfast Sale

from 7:30am - 11:00 am

on

Sunday, December 18, 2016

Fort Christian Parking Lot

Funds raised are to support the Pathfinder Camporee to the Dominican Republic on April 11-16, 2017.