

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; 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

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Philadelphia



Pastor- Glendon G. Cross



First Elder- Gordon Williams

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
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Divine Worship

Sabbath, January 7, 2017 Day of Prayer and Fasting

11:00 a.m. - Order of Service

WE ENTER INTO WORSHIP

Introit-----Deacons and Platform Personnel
Call to Worship-----Deacon Raymond Smith
Doxology-----“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”-----Congregation
Affirmation of Faith -----Deaconess Barbara Guishard
1st Sabbath – Fourth Commandment; Exodus 20:8-11

Song: Sabbath Rest

Recognition of the Divine Presence -----Pastor Glendon G. Cross

WE WORSHIP GOD IN MINISTRY & FELLOWSHIP

Hymn of Praise-----Brother Ronnie Greenaway
#70 - Praise Ye the Father

Welcome-----Sister Kalina Webster
Intercessory Prayer -----Brother Ronnie Greenaway
#671 – As We Come To You in Prayer

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE AND GIVING

Offertory -----Sister Yechima Carty
Offertory Praise & Prayer -----Deaconess Barbara Guishard
#670 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

WE LISTEN AND RESPOND AS GOD SPEAKS

Scripture Reading-----1 Corinthians 2: 9-12 ----- Sister Kamira Webster
Children's Story-----#190 – Jesus Loves Me ----- Sister Yechima Carty
The Word ----- Pastor Glendon G. Cross
“HOLY SPIRIT OR HOLY GHOST?”

WE DEPART TO SERVE

Hymn of Commitment -----Brother Kevin Martin
#258 – Baptize Us Anew

Benediction -----Brother Kevin Martin

Thought for Today: God has called His people to glory and virtue, and these will be manifest in the lives of all who are truly connected with Him. Having become partakers of the heavenly gift, they are to go on unto perfection, being “kept by the power of God through faith.” 1 Peter 1:5. It is the glory of God to give His virtue to His children. Acts of the Apostles, Page 530.

St. Thomas-St. John SDA School (Read-A-Book Month)

You are invited to relax and read a book during the month of January when our school’s library celebrates Read-A-Book Month

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.

Sunday Morning Early Prayer Meeting

Last Sunday was a fabulous morning of strictly praises to God. Tomorrow morning, at 5:30 a.m., we convene another power session. We are incorporating the 10 days of Prayer - A Living Sanctuary into a portion of our time together. Come experience the power of God in answer to prayers.

Prayer, Prayer and More Prayer

Ten Days of Prayer 2017 with the Prayer Theme: A Living Sanctuary, continues through to Sabbath, **Jan. 14**. Please check with **Sis. Mil Robinson**, Prayer Coordinator, **Sis. Daphne Denton**, Asst. Prayer Coordinator or Pastor Cross to obtain the material to participate.

Holy Spirit Emphasis Week which started last night at 7:00 pm, continues each evening through to Friday, January 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm. There will be **no service on Thursday evening**, Jan. 12th. Theme: THE TRANSFORMING Power of the Holy Spirit for End Time Victories.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Our hearts are rejoicing that God has seen it fit to spare our lives, permitting us to be together in worship and fellowship on this the first Sabbath of 2017. We welcome you and pray that this time of encountering God through worship - in songs, prayers, the giving of offerings and returning of tithes and in fellowship with each other will fill your "joy cup" to overflowing. Please consider yourself welcome to remain with us beyond the morning worship service as we continue in a day of Prayer and Fasting this afternoon.

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Prayer Requests:

1. For our many brethren who have traveled to be with family and friends for the holidays.
2. Those of our brethren who are hospitalized, locally and overseas, as well as those who are home bound due to chronic illness or advanced age.
3. Those of our brethren who have recently lost loved ones to death.
4. For the continued growth and development of our brethren who are relatively new to the Adventist family.
5. For those in our Church Family and community for whom this time of family oriented celebrations leave them feeling particularly isolated and lonely.

Pathfinder

There will be Pathfinders this afternoon at 4:15pm followed by drills. Pick-up is at 7:00pm.

The Healthy Lifestyle Change Support Group will meet on Sunday, January 8, 2017^h 10:00 a.m. at the Philadelphia SDA Church.

The Jumpstart

Ready to start fresh? A new year is here! One of the best ways to start fresh is to re-consecrate your heart to God. The Jumpstart is an initiative to help you do just that. Starting on January 1st and extended for up to 2 weeks, this program will renew and invigorate your spiritual life. For more information or to join E-mail ronnieg.inc@gmail.com

Personal Ministries

1. Reminder for the Evangelism Action Committee meeting on Sunday, January 15th 2017 at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Team leaders and unit members: Elder Gordon Williams, Assessment Committee; Elder Courtney Matthias, Analysis Committee; Anthony Jolly, Execution Committee; Sis. Daphne Denton, Prayer Committee; Sis. Coralie Henry, Evaluation Committee; Sis. Joycelyn Crawford, Executive Secretary, Sis. Ethel Nicholas, Chairperson.

2. 2017 INGATHERING: launching date Saturday, January 21, 2017. Available materials for the up-coming Ingathering campaign = Collection cans, Letters, envelopes, cards to register donations, Bible study correspondence Cards (see team members for your supply)

3. Personal Ministry Meetings = (Who should attend)

Pastor ex-officio of all personal ministry meetings

Personal Ministry Council = All elders/Department heads and assistants/Secretaries Heads.

Personal Ministry Executive = Elders assigned/ Nominated and selected Team members.

4. Personal Ministry training classes continues on Tuesday evening in the fellowship hall. Present studies; (The Visions of the Spirit Prophecy to the End Time Church, 144 thousand, the border of Red, the discolored garments, why a Silver trumpet?)

A GRAND Thank You!

Special thanks to all those who participated and contributed to the Old/New Year Social held on Saturday night. We had a great turnout and a good time fellowshiping together. May God continue to bless us as we venture into this new year. May He help us to draw closer to each other as one body in Christ. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Women's Ministries consecration/commitment service and launch of Big -Sister/Little -Sister Mentorship program will be held on Sunday evening January 22nd. The entire church is invited to join the ladies at 6:30 p.m. sharp

A Leadership Workshop/training is scheduled for the island of St. Thomas/St. John from January 20-22, 2017 at the Philadelphia SDA Church.

The Departments/Ministry Leaders and members of their various committees are expected to attend; especially Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, Community Services and Prison Ministries.

A certificate will be issued to every church leader/officer for attending and participating in all of these sessions. Therefore, each church must register its participants and forward the names to the North Caribbean Conference by Monday, January 16, 2017.

The schedule for this leadership training is as follows:

- Friday, January 20: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Sabbath, January 21: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, January 22: 09:30 - 11:55 a.m.

On behalf of the **Music Department**, I express gratitude to everyone who contributed to the music of our church in 2016. We need each other to fulfill the Great Commission. Col 3:23-24 NIV tells us "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Thank for allowing God to use you in His service and for His glory. I look forward to a blessed year with your continued support.



Jan 7: Prayer and Fast—No AY at 4:30pm

Jan 14: Health Day: The Health department will be hosting AY

Jan 21: AY at 4:30pm

A promotional poster for 'Cruise with a Mission'. The top part features the text 'NORTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST YOUTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS' and 'SENIOR YOUTH CAMP 2017 July 12th 23rd'. Below this is the title 'Cruise with a Mission' in a large, stylized font. The central image shows the MSC Divina cruise ship sailing on the ocean. To the right of the ship are four small portraits of young people. Below the ship, it says 'Register TODAY! \$125.00 SPACE IS LIMITED' and '(FINAL PAYMENT DUE APRIL 28, 2017)'. At the bottom, there is a table with the heading 'CRUISE ITINERARY' and a list of dates, days, and ports. To the right of the table, it says 'COME! JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY!' and '12 POWER-PACKED DAYS July 12-14 & 23 Camp style | Miami, USA July 15-22 Cruise & Mission Experience \$950 US per person all inclusive (except alcohol)'.

DAY	DATE	PORT
MON	7-12	Miami, United States
TUE	7-13	Day at sea
WED	7-14	Orlando, Florida
THU	7-15	Georgetown, Guyana Islands
FRI	7-16	Georgetown, Guyana Islands
SAT	7-17	Orlando, Florida
SUN	7-18	Day at sea
MON	7-19	Orlando, Florida
TUE	7-20	Day at sea
WED	7-21	Nassau, Bahamas
THU	7-22	Miami, United States