

NOTICES

1. **Happy Sabbath** to all from Pastor Cuvalay, The Church board and the Communication Department, we thank you for joining us today and may God's blessings be yours as we listen to His voice to us in Word and Song.. We welcome you.
2. Our Family Bible Readings Continue through the month of May with the book of Mark and Desire of Ages 10 through 13. As you read, you will discover more and the blessings will be added to you.
3. The Education Department requests your prayers on behalf of our students who are presently doing examinations. Vital Carty—VWO, Nyla Martina—HAVO, Alpha Tatem and Franklyn Maynard —CXC(CSEC). 6th graders; Stephen Frank, Sarai Willemsberg, Linette Maynard, Lionel Ritchie, Reshawn Rhoden.
4. All are invited this afternoon at 4:30pm Sharp for a special program presented by the Health Ministry department. "Your Living Garden." Bring your "Green Thumb" neighbours and friends, Learn, Share and Rejuvenate the earth! See you here.
5. After the afternoon's program, join the Health Ministry and our friends from KOOYMAN's Hardware in building your own planter boxes. Please contact Jacky Barry or Eve Levenstone for Registration and more details. You really don't want to miss these treats ! A small donation will be collected for the carpenters who will be assisting with the construction.



SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST® CHURCH

Philipsburg, Sint Maarten



"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." (Matthew 13:31-32 NIV)

Philipsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church

Is established as a Beacon to the Community of St.Maarten with the sole purpose of promulgating the Everlasting Gospel with the **BIBLE** as its core. Its members are energized to preach in Word and Deed the Crucified, Risen and Soon Coming Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. At the center of its program will be a ministry of Caring and Sharing through which the church will realize its Goal.

19th May 2018

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Church Services

Praise and The Word Sunday 7:15pm

Prayer and Songs of Praise Wednesday 7pm

Sabbath School Saturday 9am

Divine Hour Saturday 11am

Adventist Youth Program Saturday 4:30pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (James 5:16) . We ask your prayers for the following persons ;

The Church requests your prayers on behalf of those who are sick and hospitalized in our membership and in our community. Some are still in healing process . Please remember them and others who are in need of assistance and prayers. That our hands and God healing may touch them. God is able.

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<i>Desire of Ages</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Bible + SDA Bible Commentary Vol. 5</i>
Review and Quiz	14 (Sabbath 7)	Review and Quiz
DA Chapter 13	15	Mark 7
	16	Mark 8
	17	Mark 9
	18	Mark 10
	19	Mark 11
	20	Mark 12



BIBLE CONNECTION

North Caribbean Conference 2018 Bible Connect Finals will be held on St.Croix July 21st during the Senior Youth Camp July 12th—23rd 2018

The Bible makes it clear that this world is a battlefield, and the conflict began far from here, in heaven. Ezekiel 28:13-19 and Isaiah 14:12-14 describe what ignited this conflict; pride and vanity. Lucifer was a perfect angel created by God; a type of chief angel, he was loved and respected by all. At some point in time, in a way beyond our understanding, jealousy began to emerge in his angelic heart, he wanted the position that belonged only to The Creator. **As a child of God, he had everything**, but he decided that he would no longer offer reverence to the Eternal One and began to question the divine government and the law on which this government was based. (THE POWER OF HOPE pg. 70)





It is essential that an individual working in church administration be connected to God.

Seventh-day Adventists promote and believe in a balanced life that includes:



Not only do you need God's help to do your work well, God will use you to bless others.

Micah 6:8 gives us some direction:

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Paul speaks of the characteristics of a spiritual life in Colossians 1:9-18

"filled with the knowledge of His will"
"walk worthy of the Lord"
"fully please Him"
"be fruitful in every good work"
"increase in the knowledge of God"

- Pray morning, noon, and night
- Ask the Lord for guidance in counseling, chairing committees, working on projects, dealing with problems—every activity of the day
- You will not be successful without prayer

Did you catch that?

Do What Is Right.
Do not shirk your duty.

Apply Mercy.
Don't be so rigid in your duty that you neglect mercy.

Be Humble.
You do not have all the answers.
Remember to rely on Christ.

A connection with Christ in all you do will have a powerful effect on your influence.

- Be positive in your approach to life
- Have a sunny disposition when relating to others
- Bring encouragement to others
- Be part of the solution, not part of the problem
- Bring reconciliation to those around you

A Powerful Confirmation of Prophecy



In the final days before the Cross, the disciples spoke with Jesus on the Mount of Olives. Imagine hearing Jesus say that the temple will be destroyed. Who knows exactly what went on in their minds, but the questions that they asked afterward indicate that they linked the destruction of the temple with "the end of the world" (*Matt. 24:3*).

Read *Matthew 24:1-25*. What overall message did Jesus give to His followers about the last days?

Matthew 24:1-25 makes it clear that, among other things, Christ is concerned with deceptions that will confuse His people through the ages and into the end time. Among those deceptions will be false prophets and false Christs. Some will come claiming to represent Christ (false prophets), and some will come claiming to be Christ. And the terrible thing is, people will believe them, too.

We have seen a sad but powerful confirmation of the Word of God. All through history, and even in our day, deceivers have indeed come, saying, "I am the Christ." What a remarkable prophecy! Living in the time that we do, we can survey the long centuries of history and see (in ways those who lived in Christ's time couldn't) just how accurate that prediction was. We shouldn't be surprised, either, if deceptions like these only increase as we near the final crisis.

Also, in the context of affirmation of faith, look at how Jesus depicted the state of the world. At various times in earth's history since Christ, people had placed their hope in things they believed would eliminate or at least greatly reduce the sufferings and woe of humanity. Be it political movements or technology or science or reason — at one time or another people have placed great hope that these things would usher in a utopia here on earth. As the painful witness of history has shown again and again, these hopes have always proven ill-founded. The world today is just as Jesus said it would be. Christ's words, spoken almost two thousand years ago, show just how misguided those hopes really have been.

Read *Matthew 24:25*. What can we take away from this that should help affirm us in our faith?

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. (Matthew 24)

Missionary Activity Is an Ideal Exercise

There are plenty of necessary, useful things to do in our world that would make the pleasure amusement exercise almost wholly unnecessary. Brain, bone, and muscle will acquire solidity and strength in using them to a purpose, doing good, hard thinking, and devising plans which shall train them to develop powers of intellect and strength of the physical organs, which will be putting into practical use their God-given talents with which they may glorify God.

I have been instructed that as the sick are encouraged to leave their rooms and spend time in the open air, tending the flowers or doing some other light, pleasant work, their minds will be called from self to something more health giving. Open-air exercise should be prescribed as a beneficial, life-giving necessity.



We can but be cheerful as we listen to the music of the happy birds and feast our eyes upon flourishing fields and gardens. We should invite our minds to be interested in all the glorious things God has provided for us with a liberal hand. And in reflecting upon these rich tokens of His love and care, we may forget infirmities, be cheerful, and make melody in our hearts unto the Lord.

For years I have from time to time been shown that the sick should be taught that it is wrong to suspend all physical labor in order to regain health. In thus doing the will becomes dormant, the blood moves sluggishly through the system and constantly grows more impure. Where the patient is in danger of imagining his case worse than it really is, indolence will be sure to produce the unhappy results. Well-regulated labor gives the invalid the idea that he is not totally useless in the world that he is at least of some benefit. This will afford him satisfaction, give him courage, and impart to him vigor, which vain mental amusements can never do.

God's Provision for Finding True Pleasures—God has provided for everyone pleasure that may be enjoyed by rich and poor alike—the pleasure found in cultivating pureness of thought and unselfishness of action, the pleasure that comes from speaking sympathizing words and doing kindly deeds. From those who perform such service, the light of Christ shines to brighten lives darkened by many sorrows. (*Adventist Home* pg. 511)

Divine Service

"In The Community"

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. " (John 13:35)

Praise And Worship

Praise Team

Call to Worship.....Brother Vendell Pascal

Hymn of Adoration and PraiseBrother Vendell Pascal
#30 - Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Morning prayer..... Sister Lilian Thompson

Welcome..... Sister Augustina Paul

Offertory..... Sister Claudette Forris

Special MusicSister Jasmine Maynard

Children's corner.....Sister Jasmine Maynard

Scripture ReadingSister Judith Charles
Ezekiel 47:1-5

Introduction of Speakers.....Sister Lycia Celestine

Special Music Sister Lycia Celestine

SermonElder Valentine Celestine

Hymn of ConsecrationBrother Desmond Brown
#621 - Gracious Father, Guard Thy Children

Benediction.....Brother Desmond Brown

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. (Romans 16:24)