

Man can shape circumstances,
but circumstances should not
be allowed to shape the

man. (HDL pg.45)



The True Christian Will Be Cheerful—Do not allow the perplexities and worries of everyday life to fret your mind and cloud your brow. If you do, you will always have something to vex and annoy. Life is what we make it, and we shall find what we look for. If we look for sadness and trouble, if we are in a frame of mind to magnify little difficulties, we shall find plenty of them to engross our thoughts and our conversation.

But if we look on the bright side of things, we shall find enough to make us cheerful and happy. If we give smiles, they will be returned to us; if we speak pleasant, cheerful words, they will be spoken to us again.

When Christians appear as gloomy and depressed as though they thought themselves friendless, they give a wrong impression of religion. In some cases the idea has been entertained that cheerfulness is inconsistent with the dignity of the Christian character, but this is a mistake. Heaven is all joy; and if we gather to our souls the joys of heaven and, as far as possible, express them in our words and deportment, we shall be more pleasing to our heavenly Father than if we were gloomy and sad. {*Adventist Home pg. 430*}



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..
2. **Our weekly bible study** continues this afternoon at 3:30pm here at the church . Please join us as we discover, share and make the Word of God a living experience for us all.
3. **The Pathfinder Crusade** has been postponed and will now begin on **September 15th through 22nd** .
4. All parents of **Pathfinders and pathfinders** please be reminded that the deadline for the airfare payment for this year's Congressoree is this evening after the club meets.
5. **On September 28th and 29th** there will be an **Elders and Lay preachers Training** the venue is still to be decided. The training will be hosted by the Sabbath School and the Ministerial departments of our Conference.
6. On September 22nd there will be an island wide Lay Rally at Cole Bay as part of our plans for **IMPACT 2019 !!** Please take note and plan for it.
7. There will be a short Elders meeting on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock all Elders please take note.
8. All are invited to remain after the Divine Service today and for the remainder of the month of September and October as we ignite our spiritual experiences through prayer and songs of praise. The duration is one (1) hour each Sabbath after the Divine Service. Have a closer walk with God as we reach out to our neighbor.



*Even them will I bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer:
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be
accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall
be called an house of prayer for all people.
(Isaiah 56:7)*

The Lord's Sabbath, September 8th 2018

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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) .



The Church requests your prayers on behalf the families of those who have died over the last weeks, we ask God's comfort and peace during their time of bereavement. We praise God for the way He has been helping our sick in our church and around the community. Please pray for and extend a visit to them. Your prayers are most welcomed for the elderly in our congregation and others in other churches. Special prayers for the Students in St.Maarten and abroad and the educators that God may direct, protect and grant wisdom in all areas. We ask God's protection for our islands during this Hurricane Season. Please pray for our Pastors, church leaders and our country's leaders.

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Please submit notices and bulletin information between Sundays and Wednesdays.

Church Services

Praise and The Word Sunday 7:15pm
Prayer and Book Review- Wednesday 7pm

Sabbath School Saturday 9am
Divine Hour Saturday 11am
Bible Study Saturday 3:30pm
Adventist Youth Program Saturday 4:30pm

Divine Worship

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. (Psalm 63:1-3)

Call to worship: Elder Ato Maynard

Hymn of praise: Elder Ato Maynard

Hymn # 570

Prayer of Intercession: Elder Celestine Valentine

Welcome: Sister Janice Peterson-Joseph

Offertory: Elder Alphaeus Tatem

Special Music: Elder Alphaeus Tatem

Sung by Brother Moses Alexander

Children Story: Elder Ruben Gumbs

Scripture reading: Elder Ruben Gumbs

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:6-10

Introduction of speaker: Elder Daniel Gumbs

Meditation Hymn #: 567 Elder Daniel Gumbs

Sermon: Pastor Vashni Cuvalay

Message: "Why does God allow Some Things?"

Hymn of Consecration: Elder Shawn Roomes

Hymn # 279

Benediction: Elder Shawn Roomes

..Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. (Psalm 3:3)



Everyday Living



There is an eloquence far more powerful than the eloquence of words in the quiet, consistent life of a pure, true Christian. What a man is has more influence than what he says.

The officers who were sent to Jesus came back with the report that never man spoke as He spoke. But the reason for this was that never man lived as He lived. Had His life been other than it was, He could not have spoken as He did. His words bore with them a convincing power, because they came from a heart pure and holy, full of love and sympathy, benevolence and truth.

It is our own character and experience that determine our influence upon others. In order to convince others of the power of Christ's grace, we must know its power in our own hearts and lives. The gospel we present for the saving of souls must be the gospel by which our own souls are saved. Only through a living faith in Christ as a personal Saviour is it possible to make our influence felt in a skeptical world. If we would draw sinners out of the swift-running current, our own feet must be firmly set upon the Rock, Christ Jesus.

The badge of Christianity is not an outward sign, not the wearing of a cross or a crown, but it is that which reveals the union of man with God. By the power of His grace manifested in the transformation of character the world is to be convinced that God has sent His Son as its Redeemer. No other influence that can surround the human soul has such power as the influence of an unselfish life. The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian. **{Help in Daily Living pg. 8}**