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CAMP MEETING *Reflections*

As I reflect about camp meeting this year one thought comes to mind. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Satan did all he could to distract, hijack, and derail our evening program. However, the God we serve is bigger and He is always victorious. It was evident on the first weekend that God had something special in store for us during the upcoming week.

It seems that God already had Dr. Stanley James lined up to speak for such a time as this. Through the leading of the Holy Spirit, he presented inspired messages that touched all who were listening. On more than one occasion he gave an alter call and the response of the congregation was one of recommitting themselves to serve our almighty God in these last days that are leading up to His soon return.

The blessings didn't stop with the evening program. Every day we were blessed with the messages that our speakers presented. Seth Cantu shared practical ways that we can reach out to reach out to our Indigenous

family around us. Pastor Lazarus shared from his heart about the ever-loving God we serve.



After lunch and some scheduled family time we came back together to start the afternoon off with Pastor Paul Antunes sharing how to be a witness to those around us. He taught us how to connect with people and give Bible studies. Don Straub finished the afternoon with tips on how to have better mental health. We thank every one of our presenters for taking the time to come and share Jesus and their expertise with us here at Pugwash.

Sunday consisted of a different schedule and started with *Pathfinder Tag Day* followed by a seminar by Pastor Cameron Johnston. Pastor Johnston did a presentation on *Managing Stress Through the Times We Live In*. This was a timely seminar on what steps we can take to reduce stress and enjoy life more abundantly. This fall he has continues to be a blessing to our Conference by presenting more of these seminars to some of our Maritime Conference Churches. Thank you, Pastor Johnston, for the giving of your time!

As I close, I want to ask each of you to thank, and praise God for His man servants that came to lead us closer to Jesus throughout the week of Camp Meeting!

If you missed any of the meetings they are still available on our website at:

[CAMP MEETING MEDIA
WWW.MARITIMESDA.COM](http://WWW.MARITIMESDA.COM)

I pray you will continue to be blessed as you listen to the presentations online. Blessings to each of you as we wait to see what God has in store for us at our 2026 Camp Meeting.

David Miller,
President of the Maritime Conference



Straight from

*Catherine's
Kitchen*

Sweet Potato Patties

Ingredients:

- 8 organic sweet potatoes (medium size)
- 2 cans of organic chickpeas (2 x 398 ml)
- 6 tablespoons of flour (your choice-I use light Spelt)
- 1 cup of organic rolled oats (quick also works)
- 2 tablespoons of maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- ¾ cup dried minced onion

- ½ cup dried parsley
- 2 teaspoons of Herbamare
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- ½ cup almond butter

Preparation:

- Bake the sweet potatoes.
- Remove the skins of the sweet potatoes.
- Rinse the chickpeas and mash them in a large bowl.
- Add: the sweet potatoes (mash them into the chickpea mixture), flour, oats, maple syrup, garlic powder, minced onion, parsley, Herbamare, smoked paprika, and almond butter.
- Mix this well.
- Form into desired patty sizes.
- Bake in a preheated oven @ 375° F for ½ an hour then flip and bake for another 15 minutes.
- Makes about 14 patties depending on your preferred size.

Enjoy!

Catherine Walsh

Health Ministries Director of the Maritime Conference



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MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

The Maritime Conference 2025 Men's Ministry Retreat was an ineffable singular event that touched those who were blessed to be there. Individuals present at the retreat experienced a **m**ental, **e**motional, **n**atural (authentic) and a **s**piritual connection with God and each other.

The mood of the weekend was relaxed and reflective, inspiring and insightful, tearful and tender as we opened our hearts and allowed ourselves to be vulnerable before God and each other.





Pastor Ted Deer the keynote speaker



-law. Sabbath continued with a time of reflection, a communion service, an Agape feast and testimonies.

Some key take aways from the discussions on Sabbath were:

- *“Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit”*
Christ Object Lessons page 139
- *“God I am willing to be made willing”*
- *“Victory is staying connected to God”*
- *“You can only stand as high as how low you bend before the Lord”*

As Sunday morning came, the realization that God’s presence was there was very evident by everyone’s mood. The retreat was highlighted by two things: the discussions we had early morning in the Prayer Chapel, and the time spent by the ocean to the close of a weekend of spiritual blessings innumerable to share.



We would also like to acknowledge all the kitchen staff that prepared and served us gracefully many gastronomically unforgettable meals. I am positive that all who were there would agree that a hardy “*Aamen*” would be in order.

The retreat was humorously called *Men’s Ministry Againwend*. *Againwend* is an English verb meaning to retreat. Another term that was shared was *Men’s Ministry Onwendan*, meaning (1) *to turn away* or (2) *to reverse*. This was in reference to the fact that we were able “*to turn away*” from the distractions of the world, creating the opportunity for us to focus on our relationship with God, our spouses, family, work and church. “*To reverse*” was a reference of our goal to reverse the trends that are so easily eroding our communities, our spiritual communication and connection with Christ our Counsellor Comforter and Lord.

As sons, brothers, husbands, fathers, uncles, grandfathers, elders and priests of our households assembled to worship in unity, there was an accord in spirit as we all sat there, at the foot of the cross, feeding on the words of life shared by Pastor Ted Deer, our facilitator for the weekend.

Our theme was, “*Discipleship is time with Jesus*”. “*Come as you are,*” was the call. This is the petition that Christ offers to us. Come in the full knowledge that we are sinners saved by grace. That we can freely accept the gift of salvation and live eternally. This was the message of our Friday night vespers.

On Sabbath we had a full day of worship. There were praises, bible study and intercessory prayer for friends, families and foes. We had special prayers of support and comfort for our brother and Conference leader Pastor David Miller due to the untimely passing of his brother and sister-in

Peter McPherson

Elder of the Tantallon SDA Church

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GOD'S CARETAKERS

When Work Becomes an Idol

Author Paul Tripp once observed: *“I don’t think workaholics primarily have a problem with priorities or schedules; I think their main problem is a problem of awe. That lack of awe creates a problem of scheduling that harms both their relationships and their spiritual lives. Only awe of God can keep work in its proper place.”*

That statement forces us to ask some difficult questions: *What drives us to overwork? Why do we become obsessed with productivity? What transforms diligence into addiction?*

For many, the answer is fear of the future. Why do I push myself so relentlessly? Because I want to feel secure. Because I don’t want my family to go without. Because I dread expenses I may not be able to cover. Because I cannot imagine life without a financial safety net to protect me during seasons of crisis. At its core, my striving is about control, my attempt to seize a future that feels uncertain. And the strategy we choose to secure that future is simple: work more, save more.

But let’s pause and ask the question: is saving wrong? Of course not. Scripture consistently commends wisdom in stewardship. The problem is not saving money; the problem is the misplaced trust we invest in it. The problem is the anxiety that rises when I am no longer in control, the panic

that comes with the thought of lowering my standard of living, the fear that tomorrow may strip away what I’ve worked so hard to build.

This is precisely where Jesus’ words in **Matthew 6** speak so powerfully: *“Do not worry about your life.”* He is not calling us to abandon responsibility, nor to sit lazily and expect bread to fall from Heaven. The apostle Paul is clear: *“If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat”* (**2 Thessalonians 3:10**). Work is good. What Jesus condemns is not *labor* but *worry*.

Consider the weight of that word. To *worry* is to be anxious, restless, impatient, irritable, sleepless, fearful, and distrustful. It is to live without peace. Does that describe you?

The real danger of *worry* is what it reveals about our hearts. Jesus explains in **Matthew 6:31–32**: *“Do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.”*

Worry whispers a lie: that I am alone in the universe, left to fend for myself, without the care of a Father. It is possible to trust God for salvation, yet live day to day as though He has no power over my finances, my provision, or my future. Wealth promises security but delivers anxiety. The book of Proverbs is blunt:

“Whoever trusts in his riches will fall” (**Proverbs 11:28**). By contrast, those who walk in the fear of the Lord discover a peace the world cannot give.



Yes, poverty is painful, and financial hardship is real. But trusting in money is no less destructive. As Jesus asked: “*What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?*” In today’s language, the question might be put this way: *What good is financial success if your heart is consumed with worry, fear, and restlessness?*

Only the respect of God can release us from the chains of overwork. Only the assurance of His care can silence the lies of worry and only when we rest in Him can we finally put work back in its proper place—not as an idol, but as an act of worship.

Angel Germosen

Assistant Accountant for the Maritime Conference





OUR FIRST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT BATHURST !



Launching a project of this scale in such a short time was a challenge. As summer approached, a question weighed on my mind: *How could our community contribute to the well-being of children and support parents, especially with most of our leaders planning to travel for their vacations?* As a multicultural religious community, I knew we had an opportunity to play a part in shaping the younger generation. With this in mind, the idea was born to create our first Christian summer day camp. Although we were short on time for preparations, I decided to offer five mornings of

activities for the children anyway. It was unthinkable to let such an extraordinary opportunity pass us by.

An Act of Faith and Collaboration

Launching a project of this scale in such a short time was a challenge. We needed to find a venue, define enriching activities, and mobilize volunteers. But, driven by an unwavering faith and supported by a few dedicated parents and three church members, we overcame these obstacles. The goal was clear: offering the children a friendly environment for fun and socializing. Thirteen children (exceeding our initial forecast of nine) answered our call, proving that this initiative was necessary and highly anticipated.

Stories for Inspiration

Our program was built around the theme *"Called to Be Different,"* inspired by the stories of Nehemiah and Joash. Each morning, the camp started with breathing exercises to help the children learn to control their emotions daily. Then, for an hour and a half, they delved into these captivating stories, learning how these biblical figures faced adversity and made a significant impact. These life lessons helped the children find their own answers to the challenges of being different at school or at home.

Learning While Having Fun

To illustrate these stories, the children colored to bring Nehemiah and Joash to life according to their imagination. After the study, it was time for games! Outings to the park allowed them to socialize, play, and get closer to nature. Soccer was, of course, a part of the fun, as was jumping rope. Snacks prepared by our volunteer,



Manoucheca, added a tasty touch to each day.

An Unforgettable Experience

This first summer day camp proved that faith, combined with community action, can make a significant difference in the lives of children. The laughter, the lessons learned, and the friendships that were created fill us with joy. Bonds of friendship were formed between children who had not known each other before. We can't wait to welcome them back next year for a new, enriching adventure, strengthened by the lessons of this first experience.

It's worth noting that our first Back to School program was also held to end this week of activities. We distributed about thirty school bags.

Jacqueline Emile
Pastor of Bathurst SDA Company

MARITIME CONFERENCE

2025 CALENDAR

MONTH	UPCOMING EVENTS/DAYS
October 13	Thanksgiving (Conference Closed)
October 15	Pugwash Campgrounds Close
October 17-19	MC Board of Directors Retreat
October 25	Children's Ministries Creation Sabbath
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 20	Children's Ministries Concert
December 25	Christmas



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| Oct. 28 | Topic: | Post-Contact: Doctrine of Discovery - Colonialism/Assimilation |
| Nov. 4 | Topic: | Post-Contact: Treaties, 1763 Royal Proclamation, Legislation/Indian Act |

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