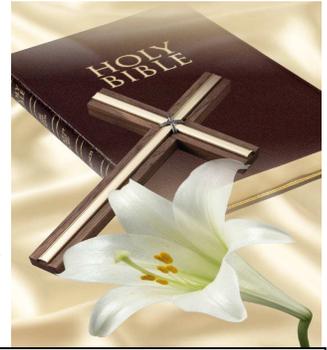


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EDITORIAL:

The Christmas celebrations are over and the New Year has begun. It is the time when many persons set out to make New Year's resolutions; setting goals they hope will bring about some change in their lives. The truth be told, many of these resolutions have been set before only to be broken in mid-year. If that describes you don't be discouraged, with more effort on your part your goals can be realized.

Maybe you are not into making resolutions but can I invite you to consider something for the New Year? It has to do with your relationship with God. Ask yourself how can you improve on it. What are you going to do for God this year that will make your service and commitment to Him different from last year? You can begin by asking Him to show you ways and means by which you can offer yourself for service in the ministry of the church of which you are a part. Ask Him to lead you in seeking His will for your life. Ask Him to help you identify your gift and seek opportunities by which it can be used for His glory. I trust this is an exercise we will all engage in.

In closing, let me then wish you all that is best for the New Year and pray that God's purpose will be manifested in your life.

Rev. Oral Campbell
Pastor

JANUARY REMINDERS

6th - 8th	JBUMA School of Evangelism Workshop
16th - 23rd	Believer's Enrichment Week
21st - 23rd	JBU Music Camp
30th	Port Maria Circuit Convention

Ready for the New Year

By and large, towards the end of the [old] year, and into the first few weeks of a new year, there is usually the gnawing question of "Are you ready for the New Year?" The word "ready" (as with all words) is a relative term and means different things to different people. However, instead of asking persons if they are ready for the New Year (which really is a general question), the question to ask is "Are you ready for Jesus, for this New Year?" I am sure that this re-directed question will remove the 'relativity' of the word and will put "ready" in a different light.

In St. Matthew, we read of John the Baptist getting the people ready to meet Jesus. So too, one of our tasks as Christians should be to make ready the path for others (and ourselves) to meet Jesus, i.e. guiding those who are living in sin to repent of their sins – to make a radical change in their life and turn to God. Matthew 3:2 says we should "repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." What are these sins? Sins of rebellion, jealousy, pride, selfishness and self-centeredness; let us make that right about change in our attitudes and commit to keeping our eyes on Jesus—the author and finisher of our faith. Let us ask the Holy spirit to envelope us, equip us and empower us to live godly lives so that indeed we can EACH answer with a resounding "YES, I am ready for Jesus for this New Year, 2011."



Be a part of the prayer ministry: God renews our spirits as we pray for others. In addition, our love, compassion and faith grow when we come before God on behalf of others. Here are some things you can pray for/about: For a growing relationship with God and positive family relationships; For wisdom to make right and wise decisions; For the special needs of your family and friends; For the spiritual lives of your church leaders and congregation; For wisdom for our government leaders; For a lasting peace among peoples and nations and for the opportunity to be a blessing to someone today.

For more information about being a part of the prayer ministry team, please talk with the minister, Rev. Oral Campbell.

January Birthdays

Jeremiah Dalhouse	1st
Florence Hemmings	1st
Tamoya Young	5th
Gloria Boland	7th
Norman Brown	12th
Agnes Shaw	13th
Winsome Johnson	16th
Eulalee Ricketts	17th
Nella Murray	18th
Zedekiah Gordon	19th
Vernal Allen	24th
Hilda Bryan	24th
Jacqueline McPherson	24th
Cordella Morgridge	26th
Valerie Melbourne	29th

The flower for January is the Carnation. This flower expresses love, fascination and distinction.

GARNET is the birthstone for January.

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Thought: For 2011

"Be resolute to rise above the little things that cause hindrance to the mission of Christ."



JAMAICA BAPTIST UNION

BELIEVERS CONVENTION OF THE 161st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FEB. 23-26, 2011
OCHO RIOS, ST. ANN

Theme:



SUNDAY FEB. 27, 2011
THE NATIONAL ARENA, KINGSTON

Workshops and Bible Study sessions
Sunset Jamaica Grande Hotel

Living in HOPE

Worship Services -

Wednesday & Thursday 7:00pm - Ocho Rios Baptist Church

Open-Air Service

Friday 7:00pm - Turtle River Park

For Registration/Accommodation Booking:

Contact JBU Office 2b Washington Boulevard

Tel - 969-6268 or visit our website www.jbu.org.jm

Register now and secure your space!!

Hope for 2011

Do you recall how, toward the end of the year 1999, many persons feared the 'coming of the Lord' at the strike of mid-night 2000? Many persons flocked the varied places of worship because there was a heightened sense that the world would come to an end. Those feelings seemed only like yesterday but surprisingly, those events happened ten years ago! Sadly, many of us seem to have forgotten (by our actions) the urgency of preparing for the second coming of Christ.

The Lord has allowed some of us to see the beginning of this new year—2011—not because of any good deeds that we have done but in His mercy and compassion He has extended our lives. This extension of our lives should force us to reflect on our stewardship and how much we measure up to God's standards and to further renew our commitment to Christ's Mission of salvation for the whole world.

As with all New Years, I am sure many of us have feelings of anxiety and uncertainties, but we are reminded from the good and bad experiences of 2010, that amidst the challenges and despair, Christ Jesus is our hope and our salvation. We are happy for this real hope that we have and we will live in hope for the new year 2011—and many new years to come.

A REMINDER TO 5th AND 6th FORMERS

The period November—January is the time to send in your applications to colleges and universities. If you have not yet sent in your applications, please do so before the deadlines!!



Little Acts of Kindness

Perfumes come in different fragrances. When you hug someone who has on perfume, it rubs off on you and you too become fragrant with that perfume. When we are intimately associated with Jesus, His fragrances will permeate our lives and will rub onto us.

One of Jesus' distinctive fragrance is kindness. Kindness is a characteristic trait of our Lord. Jesus was kind to every person He came in contact with. He reached out and touched those who were in need; He said the right words to those who were hurting; He touched the pains of those who were sick; He was compassionate and His whole life reflected kindness. These acts of kindness by Jesus here on earth, demonstrate that people are important.

Since we are Jesus' perfume, we too must give off the fragrance of kindness on a daily basis because each person we meet is valuable in the sight of God. Everyday, God brings people our way. We must be kind to persons in what we say, in the things that we do, and also in our body language (e.g. our posture, facial expressions, and our eye contact).

Let us seek to spread the aroma of kindness at home, work, school, in the market, on the bus—everywhere we go—for in so doing, we show that we are truly the aroma of Christ and we are being kind to Jesus (*Matthew 25:40*).

Remember to pray for the sick



... and shut-in members of the church and in our surrounding communities. Here is a list of our sick and shut-in members:

Sis. Audrey Maxwell
Sis. Daphne Lewis
Sis. Herma Grandison
Bro. Thomas Bennett
Bro. Jeremiah Dalhouse
Sis. Daphne Reid

Sis. Emma Scarlette-Grant
Sis. Inez Graham
Sis. Percess Scott
Sis. Alberta Bailey
Sis. Roslyn Walters
Sis. Georgina Peart

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.... A Place for Bible Study



We are encouraged in scriptures "to study to show ourselves approved unto God." The Bible Study sessions are avenues for you to study and dig deeper into God's word and a forum for you to ask and answer questions about issues in the Bible and in your life. All are invited to share in Bible Study each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

For the New Year, the Bible Study sessions will be focussing on "your gifts" - gifts of the Holy Spirit.