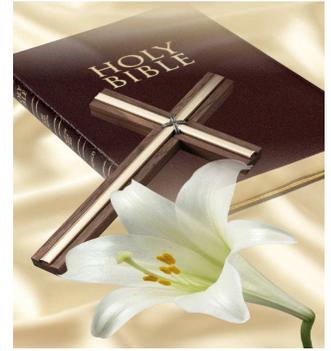


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EDITORIAL: HOLY WEEK EMOTIONS

The events of what we consider to be “Holy Week” as recorded in the Gospels, all present visual and aural images that help to evoke within us, the experiences of that week. One set of these vivid experiences that we sometimes overlook during this period, are the emotions of Jesus. What were some of these emotions?

- **joy and jubilation** (on Palm Sunday, as He was celebrated as King)
- **anger, fury and disgust** (on Monday, at the fig tree for not bearing fruit; and at the merchants and their customers who desecrated the temple)
- **defensive and argumentative;** (on Tuesday, as He confronted the authorities and defended His claim to be the messiah)
- **concern; mournful** (on Wednesday, as He taught about the Kingdom of heaven; and as the people of Jerusalem rejected God)
- **rejuvenated, meditative, reflective** (on Thursday as He prepared for and participated in the Last Supper with His disciples); feelings of **anguish and deep distress, grief, loneliness, despair, humiliation, and sadness** (on Thursday night as He prayed and contemplated the nature of His death, as He was left alone by His disciples and as He was betrayed by Judas)

As we paint with our minds’ eyes, the range of emotions that Jesus experienced, we see His humanness. Jesus became flesh and dwelled among people in human form—enduring all the things that humans endured. In His humanness and with all His emotions, Jesus did not sin. Is this true of you during your array of emotions? Do your emotions reflect Christ? Do you show joy for God’s goodness or do you constantly complain about the minor nuances? Do you mourn over those who are headed for destruction? Do you get angry at those things or those people who are leading them to destruction?

As we reflect on the week of passion—on Jesus’ humanness— may we come to the realization that our emotions are not sinful. They simply prove that we were made in the image of God and that they keep us in tune with the human side of life. May our emotions lead us to respond appropriately to God’s call on our lives and spur us to advance the mission of our Lord and Saviour through our love—just as Christ expressed His own love for us when He gave His life for all of us.

*Dahlia Palmer, Chairperson,
 Communications Committee*

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:

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| Sis. Audrey Maxwell | Sis. Emma Scarlette-Grant | Sis. Inez Graham |
| Sis. Herma Grandison | Sis. Percess Scott | Bro. Thomas Bennett |
| Bro. Lucan Scott | Bro. Jeremiah Dalhouse | Sis. Roslyn Walters |
| Sis. Georgina Peart | | |

APRIL REMINDERS

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| 3rd | Fourth Sunday in Lent |
| 3rd | Dedication of Instruments (Oxford, p.m.) |
| 9th | Circuit Evangelism Workshop (10:00 a.m.) |
| 9th | VBS Training Conference (10 a.m. at Ocho Rios Baptist) |
| 10th | Fifth Sunday in Lent |
| 17th | Palm Sunday |
| 18th-21st | Holy Week Mid-day Meditations |
| 22nd | Good Friday Service (12 noon) |
| 24th | Easter Sunday |
| 24th | Easter Sunday Concert (6 pm) |
| 25th | Easter Monday |

April Birthdays

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| Isaac Watkis | 4th |
| Delmina Young | 7th |
| Myrtle Genius | 16th |
| Adina Kidd | 20th |
| Rachel Francis | 24th |
| Phillip Bedward | 27th |
| Cynthia Bryan | 29th |

Rev. Oral Campbell 12th

DAISY and the **sweet pea** are the flowers of the month.

Diamond is the birthstone for April.

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Reach out and ... carry the CROSS

The cross that Jesus died on embodies suffering, agony, torture, shame and death. Yet, this cross brings us face-to-face with the unconditional and complete love of God for humanity. And in this regard, the cross also represents an emblem of love, humility, and obedience and a symbol of our faith.

To be true disciples of Christ, we must take up OUR CROSS and follow Him, in obedience, humility, patience, love and with faith.

"God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."
(Galatians 6:14).



The Christian Education Department through its Vacation Bible School Committee will be hosting four VBS Workers Seminars on **April 9, and June 11, 2011** as follow:

- Saturday April 9, 2011: Ocho Rios Baptist Church - St. Ann
- Saturday June 11, 2011: Mandeville Baptist Church - Mandeville; Calvary Baptist Church - St James and Mamby Park Baptist Church—Kingston

The *Conference* will focus on purpose of VBS, Steps to planning a successful VBS, Joint Worship, Efficient and Effective Teaching modes in VBS and Lesson Demonstration (utilizing craft etc)

All VBS Workers, Mission Volunteers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate.

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)

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Thought:

Learn to listen.

**Opportunity sometimes
knocks very softly.**

Palm Sunday reflection

It may be a fair statement to say that most persons love Palm Sunday. We love to read about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a little donkey because this scene gives a sense of joy especially since it was a jubilant occasion.

Underneath all the celebrations however, was a plot to kill Jesus. And, at the end of the week, people would reject Jesus—yet Jesus willingly entered this city knowing of this plot and this change of allegiance. Why?

Jesus was never ever afraid to intrude into the lives of people. Of course persons reacted differently to His intrusion. Some persons were enraged, while others were more receptive. One thing was certain, i.e. whichever space Jesus invaded, people were never the same again. Is the same true of us whatever space we invade?

Lord, on Palm Sunday, we will remember Your triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Help us never to turn our backs on you in the coming days, weeks, months and years as the crowd did after the first Palm Sunday. Help us to stay on our journey with You so our lives—and the lives of all those with whom we encounter—will never be the same again because of Your triumphant entry into our hearts and lives. Amen