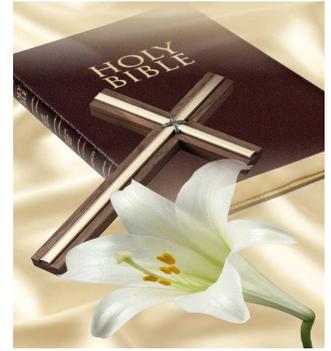


# EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, PORT MARIA, ST. MARY

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## EDITORIAL: THE RESURRECTION IS OUR HOPE

In 1 Corinthians 15:14, Paul declared that *"If Christ has not been raised from the dead, then our preaching is useless, and so too is our trust and faith in God."* The good news is that Jesus is alive!! He has risen from the dead. Jesus' resurrection from the dead verifies the scriptures, vilifies the doubts of sceptics and validates our faith.

First, both the old and new testament, document prophecies of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection (e.g. see Micah 5:1-2; Jeremiah 23:5; Matthew 20:17-19—to name a few). Jesus' resurrection fulfils these prophecies and thus verifies what was [is] written in scriptures. Second, during Jesus' day (and even during this 21st century period) many persons doubted the claims that He made about His Deity. The empty tomb is evidence of Jesus' divine nature. His resurrection only tears to pieces—that is, vilifies—the "claims of the cynics". Finally, if Christ did not rise from the dead, then everything about Christianity would be a lie because Christianity is based on the resurrection—which is the essence of our faith—the resurrection validates our faith .

The resurrection of Jesus is our hope—and should motivate us to verify the promises of Christ in our daily living; encourage us to vilify those who mock God and free us to serve God faithfully as we continue to hope in Christ's second return.

*Dahlia Palmer, Chairperson,  
Communications Committee*

## APRIL REMINDERS

24th	Easter Sunday
24th	Easter Sunday Concert
25th	Easter Monday
29th	Open Air Meeting (Cox Street)



The **Jamaica Cancer Society** will be on the Emmanuel Baptist Church premises on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Mammogram, pap-smear and PSA tests will be done. Please speak with Dea. Linda Hines for further information by Thursday, April 28, 2011.

## THE FREEDOM OF THE CROSS

Galatians 5:1 says *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."*

Please be in **prayer** for our up-coming crusade under the theme:

**Trust in God: Your Assurance for tomorrow.**

Invite and take someone you know who is in need of salvation so he/she can share in our hope.

Jesus came to earth, died for our sins and rose from the dead, so that we can be free.

Christ has freed us from ALL the things that seek to hold us—our minds, hearts, souls and lives—in bondage.

The cross of Christ frees us from things that prevent us from growing closer in Christ.

BUT the choice is yours—you have to choose this freedom. You choose to remain bound when you worry, lie, steal, murmur, backbite and engage in malicious activities.

On this Easter Sunday as you think about the wonders of the freedom of the cross, you should also think about the things that limit your freedom in Christ.

Live in Christ's freedom!

## April Birthdays



We accidentally left off the name of Sis. Pauline Hamilton's birth-date from the

previous issue of the newsletter. Our sincere apologies.

<b>Pauline Hamilton</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>Rachel Francis</b>	<b>24th</b>
<b>Phillip Bedward</b>	<b>27th</b>
<b>Cynthia Bryan</b>	<b>29th</b>

**DAISY** and the **sweet pea** are the flowers of the month. The birthstone is **Diamond**.

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# CRUSADE 2011



Your **ASSURANCE** for tomorrow

at the Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Port Maria

**May 1 - 8**  
**at 7:00 p.m.**

Speaker:

**Rev. Orlanzo Wright**

Pastor, Mt. Nebo Circuit of Baptist Churches

**Come and Be Blessed**

## FORGIVING OURSELVES

(Adapted from the New Living Translation version of the Bible)

We seem always grateful to accept God's forgiveness of the sins that we commit. There are times however when we are ashamed or heartbroken over our sin that we find it hard to believe that God could really forgive us. Yet, God is willing—and even more, He desires to restore, redirect and redeem our lives for His service. This restoration cannot begin until we fully accept God's forgiveness and forgive ourselves.

The Apostle Peter had pledged his love for Jesus and yet denied that he even knew Christ. Peter had a hard time forgiving himself. Jesus, after the resurrection, gave Peter the chance to reaffirm his love. Jesus reached out to Peter when Peter did not feel worthy.

When we are disheartened by our own sinfulness, it is difficult to receive God's forgiveness. But God is reaching out to forgive us of all our sins. Once we confess our sins, we need to let go of them and realize that Jesus paid for each and every one. Then we can accept God's forgiveness and get on with our lives.

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



Our work as God's stewards must extend beyond what we consider "church work". We are also called to be stewards of the environment. Stewardship of the environment refers to protecting the environment through recycling, conservation, regeneration, and restoration. Energy conservation is the saving of energy by any means.

Some energy conservation tips include:

- turning lights off when not in use.
- Turn off TV, computers and other appliances when not in use.
- Use fluorescent light bulbs
- Use an igloo filled with ice and water on hot days to prevent the continuous opening of the refrigerator.



Let's do our part and be an environmental steward by conserving on energy.

**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:

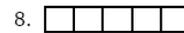
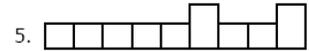
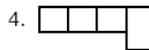
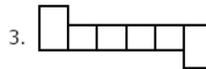
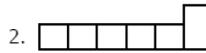
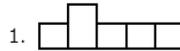
Sis. Audrey Maxwell  
Sis. Percess Scott  
Sis. Roslyn Walters

Sis. Emma Scarlett-Grant  
Bro. Thomas Bennett  
Bro. Jeremiah Dalhouse

## Easter Sunrise Surprise

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



women  
tomb

stone  
rolled

away  
living

crucified  
raised

## HONOURING GOD'S TEMPLE

The phrase in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says "Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore, honour God with your body."

Many of us seem to think that this verse of scripture relates only to us honouring our bodies with spiritual food through the reading of scriptures, praying and going to church to hear the word. This is far from truth. Honouring God with our bodies, also relates to the care that we give it (e.g. rest and exercise), the nourishment from the kinds of foods we eat (e.g. foods from all the food groups) and the positive emotional stimulation that we engage the body in (e.g. laughter).

We must take charge of and take care of the temple that God has given us. To do anything less is tantamount to a sin for anyone who knows what he/she ought to do and then not do it, it is a sin. (James 4:17)

**LET US HONOUR OUR BODIES - THE TEMPLE OF GOD!**

Thought:  
**Easter says you can  
put truth in a grave,  
but it wont stay  
there.**

Clarence W. Hall