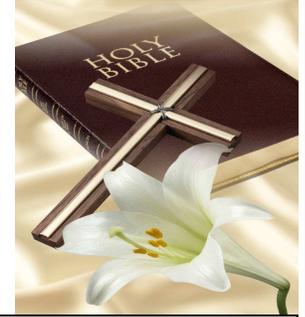


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EDITORIAL: FAMILY—THE TIE THAT BINDS

Whether or not we think our family is ideal, this unit (the family) is a very important structure because it is here that we learn morals, values (positives and negatives) and attitudes (good and bad) and these in turn shape our characters and personalities which we “showcase” and use to function in the wider society. This “showcasing” to society is often played out in our response towards state authority (e.g. school, work, and law enforcement, to name a few). Our response is generally reflective of our reaction to authority within the home and ultimately leads to a reflection of our own submission to the Lordship of Christ.

Sadly, over the years, there seems to have been a decline in the teaching of godly values and attitudes within our families (to our children), and a fall in the moral standards of authority figures in our society, which appear to be contributing to the mayhem and madness—those cancer-eating and socially decaying cells—in our society where law, order and respect are concerned.

Despite the negative values and bad attitudes that are developed in some families, it is God’s intention that families play a part in holding communities together through positive and godly values to engender social cohesiveness. This cohesiveness can only come about when the people of God in their families, live by the standards that God has outlined for daily living. We give God thanks for those families who have consistently used the laws of Christ as the core teachings within their homes, which have helped to make positive contributions to the building up of our nation.

The family is central to building a godly society—it is the tie that will bind us together as a people. Let us use this family month to renew our efforts to live by God’s standards within our families, so that we can build a nation of love, order, respect and honour to God and to our brothers and sisters.

*Dahlia Palmer, Chairperson
Communications Committee*

MAY REMINDERS

May	Child’s & Family Month
1-8	Crusade (7 p.m. nightly)
1-6	Education Week
4th	Teachers’ Day
8th	Mothers’ Day
11th	Cancer Society’s Team visit
15th	Women’s Federation Enrollment Service (6 pm)
18th	183rd Anniversary of Emmanuel
23rd	Labour day

May is the beginning of our family month focus. Invite your family and friends to participate in the family month activities.

May Birthdays

Lurline Edwards	1st
Karlane McLean	5th
Daphne Lewis	9th
Joycelyn Barnett	15th
Shanae Campbell	16th
Olivene McPherson	17th
Verona Porter	17th
Vivene Irvin	18th
Jovan Thompson	19th
Valrie Johnson	20th
Pauline Smith	22nd
Margaret McFarquhar	24th
Gwendolyn Robinson	28th
Lucan Scott	28th
Carol Levers	29th
Louise Plummer	30th

LILY is the flower of the month, which means “a return to happiness and humility.”

Our **CRUSADE** begins this evening at 7:00 p.m. under the theme **Trust in God: Your Assurance for tomorrow.**

Remember to invite and take someone to the crusade!!

Family Feature^{month}

This year, our special family month feature will highlight two kinds of members in our congregation—the singles and those persons who are married.

This feature will be published every Sunday in the months of May and June.

As usual, we will not be able to highlight all persons in these categories, but we invite you all to share in these features by giving your

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

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. Percess Scott | Bro. Thomas Bennett | Sis. Roslyn Walters |
| Bro. Lucan Scott | Bro. Jeremiah Dalhouse | Sis. Georgina Peart |
| Sis. Daphne Reid | Bro. Archibald Henry | Sis. Daphne Lewis |

WELCOME!

On Good Friday (April 22, 2011) Dave Campbell and Shadel Brown were added to our church family through baptism.



This is truly a good way to depict death to self and rising to a new life in Christ.



Let us remember Dave and Shadel, and their families, in our prayers and let us give them all the love and support that we can as they continue in this newness of life.

Welcome to you both!

Thought:
Be the one to make a stand for right, even if you stand alone.

Thomas Monson

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Focus on Child's Month

The theme for Child's month this year is:

OUR WORLD... THEIR FUTURE...OUR RESPONSIBILITY

One of the responsibilities of parents and caregivers of young children is to ensure that they get adequate play. Play is a child's work. One play activity that young children can be engaged in is taking part in sand and/or water play activities. With these objects, children can:



- blow bubbles with soapy water
- splash and paddle
- build sand castle
- pour and measure sand and water
- shovel and rake sand
- bury objects under the sand
- create shapes using wet sand
- put objects in water that sink or float

You may wonder what a child will learn while engaging in these activities and having fun. A child will be learning the following: skills of pouring, stirring, measuring, sifting; improving gross and fine motor skill control (which is necessary when it is time for the child to hold a pencil to learn to write); learning social skills of turn taking (e.g. if there is only one bubble blowing container, then the child has to wait his/her turn) and thinking skills - these are developed as the child observes which objects sink or float. This is in preparation for more advanced skills in science and mathematics

So, do not deprive your young child of all this fun and learning. If you are concerned about the child getting messy or wet, simply get a plastic coat/covering for the child. As you engage the child in these activities, please ensure that you use shallow basins and containers; watch your child keenly and empty containers immediately after each use to prevent unnecessary accidents.

Adapted from What every parent should know (UNICEF, Jamaica)

God bless the children

Some thoughts to think about our children during this month ...

We must teach our children to trust their hopes and not their fears.

Eleta Greene

Children are gifts from God. Just as we appreciate a gift and treasure it, so too we should value and treasure our children so they will feel special and become all God wants them to be. It wont hurt to try!!

Protect the child in your care.

Your child needs your presence more than your presents.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson

An error means a child needs help, not a reprimand or ridicule for doing something wrong.

Marva Collins

LET US DO MORE THAN HEAR OUR CHILDREN, LET US LISTEN TO THEM.

Children who are truly loved ... unconsciously know themselves to be valued. This knowledge is worth more than any gold ... the feeling of being valuable—"I am a valuable person—" is essential to mental health and is a cornerstone of self discipline. It is a direct product of parental love.

Dr. M. Scott Peck

HUG A CHILD TODAY!

In every childhood, there comes a magical moment when the future opens its arms. We cannot say what will bring about this magic, so expose your child to a variety of positive experiences: Take him/her to the park, the library; visit a museum or great house; give him/her a camera and a microscope and show him/her how to use them; share your work with him/her; and always recognize and praise your child's efforts.

adapted from Rosemarie Robotham