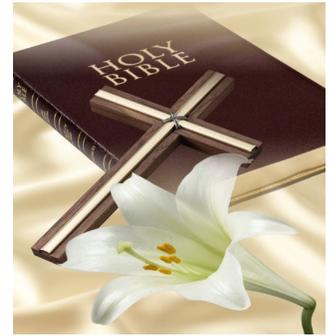


# E-EMMANUEL



## EDITORIAL: HOPE

Another September is here and we are again somewhat “forced” to make preparations. We have to prepare for back to school, back to work (for those who were on vacation), and as Baptists we have to prepare for the new church year. These acts of preparations suggest that we are in a mode of hope!

Hope from the Christian perspective is not just wishful thinking. It is a confidence that something will come to pass because God has promised it will come to pass. Hope is the knowledge of facts—grounded in the Word of God. Hope is a portion of faith and faith demands action.

Since hope is a portion of faith and faith must be exercised through work, then as we anticipate (hope for) the new school year, the back to work period and the upcoming church year, we must be prepared to activate our faith through work—and work hard. Certainly, those in school cannot expect to achieve their academic goals unless they work hard at the varied subjects/courses; those who expect to be promoted at work or to help in achieving the institutions’ goals, cannot do so unless they give a full day of meaningful work; and as a church, we cannot expect to bring others into the fold of Jesus Christ by simply coming to church and being “busy” praising the Lord; we must engage in carrying out the Mission of Christ—that is, we must go (work) into the wider community and tell others about the love of God.

Hope keeps us alive but it must be active hope; it must be based on our knowledge of what Christ has promised us. Therefore, as we face the upcoming academic school year, as we face the challenging work period and as we face the new church year, it demands that we read and make ourselves au fait with God’s Word and it must push us to work hard—to extend our hope and faith in Christ Jesus.

*Dahlia Palmer,  
Member, Communications Committee*

## September is Mission Month



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
PRAY FOR  
AND VISIT  
the sick and shut-in  
members of the church  
and in our surrounding communities.**

## Celebrations



On September 24,  
Rev. & Mrs. Oral  
Campbell celebrate 27  
years of marriage

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Congratulations to all GSAT awardees and to those youths who were successful in their CSEC examinations.

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Congratulations to Rev. Gareth Irvin who was inducted to the Balaclava Circuit of Baptist Churches on Thursday, September 3, 2015. Continue to be in prayer for him and circuit as they work together to fulfil the mission of Christ in that part of the vineyard.



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Happy belated birthday to all the August born members. (Since there was no August issue of the newsletter, their pictures appear overleaf of this newsletter. The Communications Committee apologizes for the absence of the August issue of the Newsletter)

## September Birthdays: May God's peace be yours always.



Kayl  
Wedderburn  
3rd



Garfield  
Irvin  
5th



Fay  
Hibbert  
10th



Zonika  
Tracey  
14th



Cynthia  
Gayle  
16th



Michael  
Muir  
22nd



Durey  
Daley  
23rd



Katana  
Dunbar  
23rd



Claudette  
Taylor  
25th



Elise  
Barnett  
27th

**ENGAGING IN MISSION**

The world in which we live is a broken place and the people in it are broken. As Christians, it is our duty/responsibility to tell those who are broken about the Good News of Salvation—that is, that Jesus died to save us from the brokenness in all forms be it spiritual, emotional, physical or mental.

We have been constantly taught about mission through training sessions, Bible study teachings and sermons and we have been encouraged from time-to-time to go out into the communities and teach “all nations”. It is important for us to move beyond the “school-room” and to engage fully in the work of God’s Mission. As a church we must see our missional work extending beyond the comfort of the pews; we must move beyond the one or two persons who go visiting; we must move beyond the theatrics of crusades and one or two street meetings, and we must move beyond simply meeting to discuss mission. It is time for us to truly engage in the Mission work of Christ!

The book of Philippians has a lot to offer about Mission—specifically about Paul’s gospel-spreading mission. Why not examine this book during this month of September and engage in active/actional mission beyond September? We have been talking about Mission—its time for us to engage it!



**STAYING HYDRATED:**

Although on paper the summer is over, in reality, it is still very hot and therefore it is critically important for us to remain hydrated during this period. The body depends on water to survive. Every cell, tissue, and organ in the body needs water to work correctly. For example, the body uses water to maintain its temperature, remove waste, and lubricate joints. Water is needed for good health. Water is lost from the body each day when you go to the bathroom, sweat, and even when you breathe. You lose water even faster when the weather is really hot, when you are physically active, or if you have a fever. Vomiting and diarrhoea can also lead to rapid water loss. If you don’t replace the water you lose, you can become dehydrated.

- Keep a bottle of water with you during the day (if you don’t like plain water, try adding a slice of lemon or lime to it).
- Drink water before, during, and after a workout.
- When you’re feeling hungry, drink water (many people mistake thirst for hunger)

Happy belated birthday to the August-born members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church

**August Birthdays:** May the love of God always be your freedom!

Dahlia Palmer 3rd	Lorna Campbell 9th	Annette Forbes 9th	Violet Daley 10th	Claudia Hykon 10th	Norman Israel 12th	Patricia Brown 21st	Elaine Peterkin 23rd

Thought:

**When you discover your mission, you will feel its demand. It will fill you with enthusiasm and a burning desire to get to work on it.**

~ W. Clement Stone

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