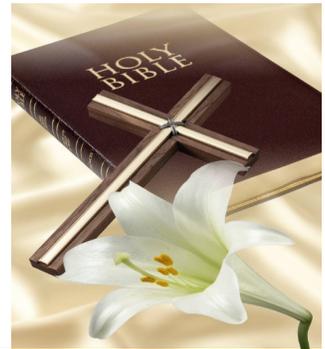


EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, PORT MARIA, ST. MARY

E-EMMANUEL

VOLUME 2, ISSUE 7

October - December 2006



EDITORIAL—A COMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP

Already, one month has passed since the new church year begun and believe it or not, we have only one more month before the end of the calendar year 2006—but the cause of Christ still goes on.

As Christians, our foremost responsibility is rooted in God's Mission (all through the year). Being a part of the Mission of our Lord demands that we see ourselves as God's steward—one who takes care of God's possessions i.e. His people and His property and this we do from the position of servitude. Serving requires that we work diligently and with integrity with the people around us and in protecting the environment. Let us not merely be concerned with just our own need for physical survival.

Being a steward of God is a privilege and a responsibility and it necessitates the giving of our time, talents and tithes. Each of us should use whatever gift God has given us to serve others faithfully. Certainly, this does not mean that we will not enjoy life - in fact, God has given us all good things to enjoy and surely, we should not deny ourselves the opportunity to enjoy God's good gifts..

As the season of Advent approaches, let us commit ourselves to being God's faithful and diligent steward. Let us use the many ways and the myriad of opportunities to demonstrate our stewardship responsibilities until we all reach unity in the faith and the fullness of Christ.

*Dahlia. Palmer,
Chairperson,
Communications Committee*

St. Mary Baptist Association Day

On Sunday, November 26, 2006, all members of the JBU churches in St. Mary will congregate at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Port Maria, for the Annual Association Service.

The service will begin at 9:30 a.m. The speaker for the morning session will be the Rev. Karl Henlin, president of the Jamaica Baptist Union and the presenter for the afternoon session will be the Rev. Jonathan Hemmings, pastor of the Ocho Rios Circuit of Baptist Churches and immediate past president of the JBU.

There will be no business meeting during the afternoon session—this was held on Saturday, November 18th at the Grace Baptist Church in Oracabessa. Nevertheless, there will be a special awards function - which you must share in.

We encourage you all to share in fellowshiping with our sisters and brothers within the parish so make every effort to be here

Remember too, lunch will be on sale or, if you like you can take your own lunch.

Dates to Remember

November

- 23—24 National Youth Conference
- 25th Youth Rally (Ocho Rios Baptist)
- 26th St. Mary Baptist Association Sunday

December

- 3rd 1st Sunday in Advent
- 17th Carol Service
- 25th Christmas Day
- 31st Christmas Sunday
Watch Night Service

