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EDITORIAL: PENTECOST

"It's a family affair!" This is a most fitting phrase to describe today, being Circuit Family Day; and what better time to celebrate this family get-together than on Pentecost Sunday. Yes, Pentecost is a time to celebrate the rich oneness we have in Christ as the body of believers. Pentecost is also a reminder to us of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. It is a day to celebrate hope in knowing that God, by His Holy Spirit, is working in, through and among His people. As God's people, Pentecost is a celebration of our **renewed vision** (our dynamic witness to the world), our **recreated life** (in Christ we are restored to wholeness), and our **revived purpose** (a focus on mission). It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in us—and indeed the world; yet, it is also a recognition that God does His work through us, His people as He pours out His presence upon us. All who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God; it is that very Spirit that bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, and if heirs of God, then joint heirs with Christ (*Romans 8:14-17*). We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord and we pray that today, as a family, and through the guiding of the Holy Spirit, that all unity will be restored!!

Dahlia Palmer
Chairperson—Communications

Special Members Feature

Did you know that ...

... if you are aware of a child being assaulted, ill-treated or neglected in a manner likely to cause that child unnecessary suffering, that under the Child Care and Protection Act, you can be charged? Learn more about this by joining us on **June 2nd at 3 p.m. at the Emmanuel Baptist Church**, and hear a presentation by Ms. Tina Stewart.



Sister Adassa Reddie is a member of the Cox Street class. She has been a faithful member in her attendance at church—even when the pain was literally rocking her body. Sister Reddie is at home. We encourage you to extend the fellowship of the body to her by visiting her at home.

Deacon Gladys Spence has been a faithful and dedicated member at Emmanuel. Among other things, she was an active member of the Women's Federation and she was the "brain child" of the community Sunday School. Deacon Gladys is currently at home in Cambridge Heights. Remember to visit the sister as well as to pray for her.



FAMILY LIFE ISSUES: The amount of love and positive modeling we receive greatly influences our emotional, spiritual, and relational health. A lack of these essentials for wholeness produces a vacuum in our lives. When this is true, virtually everything we do is designed to meet the need for approval and acceptance and to avoid pain. We devise all kinds of ways to fill this vacuum, such as living in a state of denial, or focusing on work to avoid the reality, or act as escapists (use alcohol, drugs or sex) to numb the pain. We need to however, see the truth. Reality may be painful but without it we never will achieve growth and health in our lives. Filling the vacuum using the wrong approaches rob us of intimacy, strength and hope. The sooner we begin to realize how empty these alternatives are, the sooner we will begin to experience the refreshment of God's truth, God's Spirit and God's people. If you need to talk about some issues, please call the church's office and make an appointment with a family life counselor. The church's telephone number is (876) 994-2475.

Excerpt from: *Breaking the Cycle of Hurtful Family Experiences* by R. McGee, P. Springle & J. Craddock

A SPECIAL VISIT TO THE PORT MARIA CIRCUIT



Many of you will remember that the Rev. Paul Mokake, first visited the Port Maria Circuit in 2006 where he preached and also shared in bible study sessions in practically all the churches in our circuit. He made a second visit to the circuit during this month, where he shared in the evangelistic services at Oxford for one week (May 6—11) and, he also preached at Galina on May 13th. But, what do you know about Rev. Paul Mokake?

Paul Wose Mokake was born on June 19. He is the third son of Samuel and Sarah Mokake in Buea, Cameroon, West Africa. His father died when he was four years old. Paul first came in contact with Christ as a Catholic. At the age of eleven, he made a commitment to become a priest. However, he ran away from the church in his late teens but was again called from darkness to light in his early twenties, where at that point, the Lord reminded him of the commitment he made as a child. He finally accepted the call into ministry at the age of 23.

Since 1990, he has been actively involved in doing the Lord's work in different capacities such as youth leader (secretary & president, pastor, teacher, and vice president of the Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary, to name a few. His ministry passion is crusade and revival services, deliverance ministry and Spiritual Warfare. He is currently a student at the Palmer Theological Seminary in the United States. His family is in the Cameroon.



Rev. Mokake is married to Theresia Enanga, and they both celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary on May 22. Paul and Theresia have three children, Sarah Nduma, John Ndembe and Martin MacPaul Njie.

Since leaving Jamaica on May 14th, Paul has, via e-mail, sent his regards to all.

Please remember to pray for Paul and his family.

JBU CAMPS & CONFERENCE - 2007

The dates for the JBU 2007 camps are outlined below. Persons who are interested in attending, sponsoring, volunteering to take campers to the conference centre, please talk with Deacon Louise Plummer (Aunty Joy) as soon as possible. The camp fee this year is approximately 3,700+:

Young Adults Retreat	July 5-8
Junior Camp	July 9-14
Intermediate Camp 1	July 16-21
Spiritual Empowerment Conf.	July 23-28
Intermediate Camp 2	July 30-Aug 4
Youth Camp	August 6-11
Women's Federation Conf.	August 14-19

Remember to pray for the sick and shut-in members of the church and in our surrounding communities.

Here is a list of some of our shut-in members:

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| Roslyn Walters | Victoria Pollock |
| Jeremiah Dalhouse | Basil Dixon |
| Zipora Bennett | Gladys Spence |
| Rueben Byfield | Gloria Jefferson |
| Doris Nelson | Alberta Bailey-Johnson |
| Steve Hamilton | Adassa Reddie |
| Herma Grandison | Inez Graham |
| Hilda Bryan | Lucy DaCosta |
| Audrey Maxwell | Kenneth Steel (Pt. Maria Infirmary) |
| John Harriott | Lucan Scott |
| Athelia Williams (Miss Attie) | |

JBU MISSION CONFERENCE 2007

When: Wednesday, October 24 - Sunday, October 28
 Theme: Seize The Moment - Advance the Mission
 Where: Holiday Inn, Montego Bay

More details later.

KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN

... please, please, remember to place your garbage in a garbage bin. If there are no garbage bins around, keep your garbage until you can dispose of it in the right way. Remember that the improper disposal of garbage will (i) attract rats and roaches which can cause diseases and (ii) eventually be washed into the sea. Let us act responsibly and treat our environment right!!

We welcome your ideas and suggestions

Please e-mail us at

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Or write us at:

PO Box 64, Pt. Maria, St. Mary

DID YOU KNOW THAT In 2008, Emmanuel will celebrate 180 years?



LET'S RAISE THE STANDARD!!

We keep talking about how society's standards are decaying but in a subtle way we as Christians are contributing to this decay. How? you ask. Well, we used to do our shopping on Saturdays right? But now we are shopping on a Sunday (because we forgot to purchase the coconut milk powder on Saturday!!)

Remember how we use to show respect for the Lord's Day? Let's get back to doing that. Don't do your shopping on the day you have set aside for the Lord. Let's raise and maintain our moral standards.