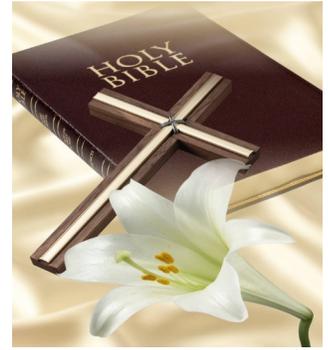


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## EDITORIAL: BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS

The month of September signifies a period of beginning and ending.

It is a period of beginning because for many, it marks the beginning of the work/school year—new job/boss/students, new school, new grade, new teachers, new friends, new books, bag, shoes. This beginning is an opportunity to take a new perspective on life and faith—to allow God through the Holy Spirit to reveal to you how your new placement is an opportunity to advance His kingdom here on earth.

For us Baptists, September marks the ending of the church calendar year. Indeed, it is an opportunity for us to reflect on the past year specifically on our faithfulness to the mission of Christ Jesus.

But, whether beginning or ending, the constant for us as Christians will always be Christ. Let us acknowledge Him in all that we do—beginning AND ending!!

Communication Dept

## September Birthdays

Karyl Wedderburn	3rd
Garfield Irvin	5th
Fay Hibbert	10th
Zonika Tracey	14th
Cynthia Gayle	16th
Ivy Clemetson	17th
Katana Dunbar	23rd
Claudette Taylor	25th
Desrine Walters	26th
Elise Barnett	27th

## The Journey to Germany

Significant events in the Bible are sometimes prefaced with phrases such as "In the year that .." - a way of reminding persons when events actually took place. The 15th Baptist Youth World Conference is now an historic event and indeed can be linked to a phrase that will remind those of us who attended of when it occurred.



In the year of the Beijing Olympics (when Usain Bolt broke two world records), a group of Baptists from various parts of Jamaica, joined approximately 6,000 Baptists from all over the world, in Leipzig, Germany for the conference. Against the backdrop of the theme *Dive Deeper*, the Bible study sessions, night services, and the family group meetings provided opportunities for the participants to engage in having a deeper faith in Jesus, deeper justice from Jesus, deeper listening to Jesus, deeper outreach for Jesus and deeper experience of Jesus. The closing service, entitled *Deeper experience of Jesus* was the most significant for me perhaps because it beautifully encapsulated all the sub-themes. The speaker, Edward Alabi of Nigeria, challenged us to grow deeper in love and Christian care, in Christian mission and evangelism, in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, in servant leadership and in Christlikeness.

A good way to summarize the charge given to us as we go back to our various churches, is to make a comparison. Like the royal family of medieval times who, though they had their private moments together as a family, were constantly scrutinized by the ordinary men and women of their time. As a Christian—part of the royal family of God—I am being watched by those who do not know Christ. Diving deeper, though the process has a private component to it, demands a public view of this process, which means living a life so that those who do

not know Christ will see the beauty

of Jesus in me, will hear words of encouragement; will taste and know that the Lord is good and will be enveloped by the fragrance of God's love. Let us all dive deeper in God's word for truly, *Groys ist unser Gott* (Our God is great)

Dahlia Palmer

## BE IN PRAYER



Sister Valrie Johnson, better known to us as Kimberlie, is scheduled to undergo an operation during the month of October. Let us pray for Kimberlie as she prepares mentally, physically and spiritually for this operation.

## REMINDERS

September 2008

28th Members' Meeting

We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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**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:**

Roslyn Walters	Jeremiah Dalhouse	Rueben Byfield
Herma Grandison	Hilda Bryan	Audrey Maxwell
John Harriott	Athelia Williams	Lucan Scott
Millicent Anderson	Victoria Pollock	Basil Dixon
Gladys Spence	Alberta Johnson	
Adassa Reddie	Inez Graham	

**Condolences** to Sis. Delmina Young, Tricia Thompson, Tamoya Young, Shandola Thompson and Bro. Jovan Thompson who lost husband, father and grandfather. Please remember them in your prayers during their time of loss.

### WHERE ARE OUR YOUTHS??

We are always grateful to God for the gift and giftedness of the young persons in our church. We give God thanks that over the years, many of our youths have completed school and have moved on to other institutions of higher learning. Some have gained meaningful employment and are making significant contributions to our society.

As the new academic year begins, you will notice that some of our young members are "missing." They will be missing because they have moved on to, or continuing their education at other educational institutions outside of St. Mary. Below is a list of names of the persons who are at other institutions. Please remember all these persons daily in your prayers and feel free to make enquiries about their well-being:

Petra Hines	Final Year	Scienas Medical University	Santa Clara, Cuba
Shannatta Barnett	Final Year	University of the West Indies	Mona, St. Andrew
Jheanell Plummer	Third Year	Sam Sharp Teachers' College	Montego Bay, St. James
Alicia McKenzie	Third Year	Mico University College	Crossroads, St. Andrew
Mekelia Hibbert	Second year	University of Technology	Mona, St. Andrew
Patrice Mills	Second Year	University of Technology	Mona, St. Andrew
Garfield Irvin	Second Year	Caribbean Maritime Institute	Kingston
Brian Clarke	Second Year	College of Arts, Science & Technology	Portland
Elise Barnett	First Year	University of the West Indies	Mona, St. Andrew
Zonika Tracey	First Year	University of the West Indies	Mona, St. Andrew
Norman Israel	First Year	College of Wooster	Ohio, USA
Cody Campbell	First Year	Brock University	Canada
Gareth Irvin	First Year	United Theological College	St. Andrew
Patrick Melvin	First Year	University of Technology	Mona, St. Andrew
Sasha McPherson	Grade 10	Holy Childhood High	St. Andrew
Kemar Sutherland	Grade 8	Munroe College	St. Elizabeth

We also want to be in constant prayer for those young persons who will be preparing for their CSEC and CAPE exams in June 2009. They are:

Kristen Williams	St. Mary High	CSEC	Shantel Clarke	Mary Mount	CAPE
Paul Bryan	Iona High	CSEC	Duri Daley	St. Mary High	CAPE
Karyl Wedderburn	Mary Mount High	CSEC	Kimberly Stewart		CAPE
Javon Barnett	St. Mary High	CSEC			
Jovan Thompson	St. Mary High	CSEC			
Oshane Barnett	Oracabessa High	CSEC			
Carlett Rhoden		CSEC			

We want to remind students sitting exams and those who wish to move on to other institutions that applications for entry to colleges/universities are usually opened between November and January. Please don't miss out on attending the college/university of your choice. Please start the application process as soon as possible.

Finally, we want to say congratulations to the following persons who have completed studies during the last year:

Avril Hines	University of the West Indies
Davie Blair	Gamma University (Cuba)