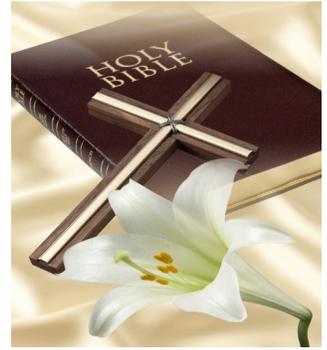


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EDITORIAL:

For the past two years during the month of May, the Communications Committee has highlighted special groups within our church. For the first year, we featured different types of families; the second year we featured shut-in members. This year, we feature our children and youths. Youth make up a significant portion of our population and has been contributing to its development in many ways. We give God thanks for them and celebrate their contributions.

Dahlia Palmer, Chairperson

REMINDERS

May 2008

- 4th Baptist World Alliance Sunday
- 4th-9th Education Week
- 11th Day of Pentecost
- 11th Mothers' Day
- 16th Children's Day
- 18th 180th Anniversary Service
- 23rd Labour Day
- 25th Sunday School Day

We invite your prayerful and physical support of these services. Also, invite family and friends to share in these services.

Hear the Voice of our Young

Why are children and youths important

Children and youths first and foremost are a very fundamental aspect of God's creation, which indeed answers the question as to why our nation's children and youths are of great importance. Every country needs children and youths to go forward because without a doubt, we are the future of tomorrow.

Children and youths assist in building our society. This is evident through the contributions made by many of us by means of athletics and other sporting activities, educational activities e.g. debating and spelling bee, and other activities aimed towards the development of our nation. Children and youths are not only important in the wider community but we are also important in the church, at school and in the home.

Children and youths are of great importance to this society because when the older generation is unable to function effectively, or have retired or sadly, have passed away, we are expected to be prepared to fill these gaps and to take over from what the older generation would have established for us.

Though many are neglected, abused and forsaken, children and youths still remain a valuable asset in our society. We are in fact priceless and thus we must be treated with the love, support and affection we so deserve. Emmanuel Baptist has a duty to not only protect us but also to join hands in prayer for us because we are faced with many difficult problems and tasks. Some persons may think that all hope is lost with us, but with the strong Christian belief at Emmanuel, we know that prayer not only will save our lives but will also work miracles that you may never imagine. So I encourage you to get on your knees and continue to pray for us today.

Elise Barnett



Did you know that the ...

- ◆ president of Emmanuel Youth Fellowship is Jovan Thompson?
- ◆ president of the St. Mary Baptist Association Youth Arm is Chase Neil (Oxford Baptist)?
- ◆ JBU Youth Zone Rep for zone 4 (St. Mary, St. Ann & Trelawny) is Alicestacia Tabanor (Brown's Town Baptist)
- ◆ president of the JBU Youth Department is Lance Fisher (Mona Baptist)?
- ◆ treasurer of the JBU Youth Department is Dahlia Palmer (Emmanuel Baptist)?

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:

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

Youth & Cricket

I've recently completed the 19th over of my life and at this point, I've managed to occupy the crease without being ejected by the Divine Umpire. I've faced bouncers, yorkers, googlies, flippers.... well come to think about it, I've faced almost every delivery life has thrown at me. Some I've blocked, others I've adequately stroked and others, though not quite conventional or orthodox, dispatched as a result of plain arrogance. Masterful and Mind-blowing are but a few words that could be used to describe, what some call my display but which I call my resistance to life's obstacles. I'm not out after being sent in to bat by the Lord God Almighty; I've faced the best deliveries that life has to offer and though difficult I'm steadily adjusting with the passing of each over. I am Garfield Irvin (Specialist Batsman) and this is



my synopsis of the World Cup of my Life.

(Garfield Irvin is currently a first year student at the Caribbean Maritime Institute)



Jamaica Baptist Union Theme

Extending our commitment:
Reaching New Possibilities

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“Living in the Spirit”

Happy Birthday to all persons born in the month of May.

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| Gloria Jefferson | 2nd |
| Doris Wallace | 3rd |
| Karlane McLean | 5th |
| Daphne Lewis | 9th |
| Michael Jackson | 11th |
| Joycelyn Barnett | 15th |
| Olivene McPherson | 17th |
| Vivene Irvin | 18th |
| Kimberly Johnson | 20th |
| Pauline Smith | 22nd |
| Pearline Harriot | 24th |
| Ena Bucknor | 26th |
| Gwendolyn Robinson | 28th |
| Lucan Scott | 28th |
| Carol Levers | 29th |
| Louise Plummer | 30th |

Young persons added to our membership



Jewel Sahti (top left), Angelina Thompson (top middle), Kimberly Johnson (top right), Oshane Barnett (left), Tamoya Young (right), Tane-sha Holness (bottom left) and Kemar Sutherland (bottom right).



Please continue to affirm them, and pray for

