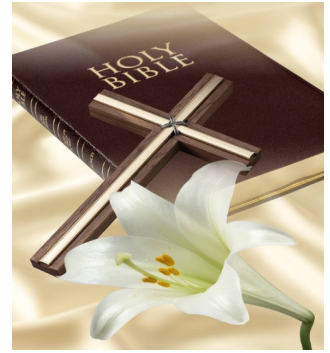


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EDITORIAL:

EMMANUEL AT 180 YEARS

Today we mark the 180th year of Christian Witness of the Baptist church in Port Maria. History records that on May 18, 1828, Rev. Joseph Burton formalised a meeting of Baptists in the community into a church. Here we are 180 years later. This is a fervent reminder to us of the enduring nature of faith—a faith that kept our forebears through slavery, emancipation, World Wars I and II, through natural disasters on one hand and, on the other hand technological advances and the evolution of many of other modern conveniences that we have come to take for granted. We are reminded that through the changing scenes of life Gods grace, presence and provisions remain constant—that the church is not dependent on circumstances for its existence, but draws strength and sustenance from the Head of the church Jesus Christ. We go forward with faith in the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Glenroy Lalor
Pastor

REMINDERS

May 2008

- 18th 180th Anniversary Service
- 23rd Labour Day
- 24th-31st Sight Awareness Week
- 25th Sunday School Day

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

180th Anniversary Souvenirs

As part of the 180th Anniversary celebrations, souvenir pens and key-rings



are on sale for \$100 each.

Focus on Youth
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The focus this family month is on children and youths

A popular DJ once said “life is a journey that we trod each day”. He even went on to say that it has a lot of potholes called obstacles; stoplights called hurdles and speed-bumps called friends.

In August 2007, I began the journey of tertiary education at the University of Technology, Old Hope Road Campus in Kingston. It is filled with potholes and stoplights but with the help of God, a loving mother and sister, and a supportive church family, I am able to overcome them all.



Thanks to God, I can safely say I have made it through first year and I am looking forward to the successive years to come, leading to the end of this particular stretch. The challenges that I faced throughout this past year have made me into a better person and they have taught me some valuable life's lessons. I now truly understand what it means in Philippians 4:13 which says “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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MEK WI ONE - Launch of CD at 180th Anniversary Service:



After years of ministry as a group, the Emmanuel Singers will launch their first album at the 180th Anniversary service of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. These CD's will be on sale this evening at a cost of \$300.

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

READING TO CHILDREN

Reading to children is one of the most valuable thing you can do. Why?

- It helps them to understand our language. This allows children to hear and experiment with different types of language, rhythms and sounds
- Research shows that children who are exposed to plenty of language (books and conversation) tend to do better at school
- It teaches about many topics which wouldn't come up in conversation
- It is a wonderful way to bond with children



WARNING: READING must be FUN. Therefore, do not use reading as punishment or make it appear to be work.

Children learn what they live; children live what they learn. Nurture them and teach them God's love so that they can become all God wants them to be.

Festival Queen Contest

The Miss Jamaica Festival Queen contest began in 1963. In 1975, it shifted it's focus on a greater need for cultural awareness. The goal is to enable the selection of a Miss Jamaica Festival Queen who will be qualified to act as cultural ambassador for Jamaica, locally and internationally and who will be an outstanding role model for other young women, by making contributions to the development of the nation during and beyond the period of her reign. The contestants for the Miss Jamaica Festival Queen contest are the Parish Festival Queens.

Last week Saturday (May 10), the St. Mary Festival Queen contest was held at the Anglican church hall. Sis. Elise Barnett, was selected as the St. Mary Festival Queen. We pray that Elise will truly be a Christian role model for other young females.

Camps 2008

In keeping with the Jamaica Baptist Union's theme, *Living in the Spirit*, The JBU Youth Department has conceptualized a theme to guide youths for the next two years - "Spirit-filled with a purpose to fulfil." This theme will seek to encourage spirituality among youths and this emphasis has guided the choice of the sub-theme for Camps 2008 which is expressed in the phrase: "**Mek it Real: Spirit walk with Spirit talk**"

Camp Dates:

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| ♦ Junior | July 7-12 | Ages 9-12 years |
| ♦ Intermediate I | July 14-19 | Ages 13 & 14 |
| ♦ Intermediate II | July 28-Aug 2 | Ages 15 & 16 |
| ♦ Youth | August 4-9 | Ages 17-20 |

Cost: \$4,000 per camper

Venue: Nutshell Conference Centre, Duncans, Trelawny

Registration: NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2008

For further information please contact Aunty Joy or Aunty Dahlia



Jamaica Society for the Blind

The society will be observing Sight Awareness Week from May 24-31, 2008. One of the objectives is to promote effective eye care. Activities for the parish will include:

Eye Care Symposium (eye care & blindness)	Thursday, May 29th 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Civic Centre \$200
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Blindness Awareness Exhibition	Friday, May 30th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Hi Lo Plaza
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Please make use of this opportunity to learn more about eye care, blindness prevention and techniques for helping persons who are blind.



Jamaica Baptist Union Theme

Extending our commitment: Reaching New Possibilities : "*Living in the*