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EDITORIAL: HURRICANE SEASON—ARE YOU PREPARED?

For Christians, hurricanes of life are ever present in the form of trials and temptations. Living in the Spirit, prepares and braces us to face these hurricanes. The preparation however, is not a once-a-year affair. Preparation requires a daily reckoning with God to help in "guarding your heart" from the darts of the enemy. Let us daily, get intimate with God through His Word. In so doing, we will not find ourselves derailed from the Christian pathway but we will be able to stand firm because our roots are firm and grounded in Christ Jesus, our rock and anchor—to face any hurricane.

*Dahlia Palmer,
Chairperson, Communications*



REMINDERS

June 2008

- 1st Trinity Sunday (Today)
- 8h BWA Youth World Day of Prayer
- 15th Father's Day
- 15th Father's Day Concert at Emmanuel
- 22th Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Sunday

Focus on Youth
DAVY BLAIR

Cuban Journey

Cuba has provided me with so many memories, it's hard to even begin to tell you about my journey. It all began when I was awarded a scholarship from the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce in September 2001, which was the same month that I went to Cuba.

I can remember the morning like it was yesterday. While waiting for Deacon Earle Irvin who accepted the role of transporting me to the airport, the reality suddenly struck me that I would be leaving my mother with whom I had been with all my eighteen years, my family and friends, to embark on a new journey of my life - a journey which I had no time to prepare for and the fact that I was fearful of travelling to a controversial place that people speak so negatively about. With this overpowering thought, I wept profusely, refusing to go, but was reassured and encouraged by my mother who knew best. I reluctantly decided to go because I wanted to pursue my goals.



On arriving at the airport in Cuba, I started to get over some of my fears as I saw other young persons my age who seemed to be quite comfortable and also because of the welcome received and the aesthetics at the airport. However, other challenges were yet to come. After travelling several hours by bus, on reaching the university at ten o'clock that night, I was asked to share a room with ten persons all of different nations and cultures and who brought no food with them. I was the only person in that room who had some food. So ... can you imagine what happened with ten young men with healthy appetites? The rooms were small, and the bathrooms and, but I had a goal that I wanted to achieve so I had to toughen it out and be a man for the first time in my life. I must admit that I had difficulty coping with the situation I was placed in. As a result I lost a significant amount of weight by the time I returned to Jamaica in December for the Christmas holiday. I spent two weeks here and went back to my jungle as I called it back then.

After completing the first year I was placed in another university which was somewhat more comfortable. With new determination, I pressed on hoping that the years would go by quickly, and looked forward to coming home for summer vacations. I eventually spent six years in Cuba, and, as the years went by I became more accustomed to the Cuban culture and life style, which allowed me to fully explore what Cuba had to offer. I have no regrets going there. It not only facilitated my career but has taught me humility, the required life skills and the resilience to adjust to any given situation or crisis.

I struggled through the years financially, spiritually and emotionally. It wasn't easy but through it all, God was there for me every time. He provided for me and allowed me to complete six years in Cuba without failure of any course. I have achieved what I went to do and I am now a qualified Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. I give God thanks for providing me with a loving and caring mother, friends and family members who stood by me and have given financial support, offered prayers and words of encouragement throughout the years I spent in Cuba.

180th Anniversary Souvenirs

As part of the 180th Anniversary celebrations, souvenir pens and key-rings are on sale for \$100 each.



We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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Congratulations

Congratulations to **Deacon Norman Brown** on completing the Training in Discipleship and Ministry (TDM) programme. This is a two-year home study programme, spearheaded by the Mission Agency and the Christian Education Department of the JBU. The graduation service was held at the Mona Baptist Church on Saturday, May 24, 2008.

Baptist Union of Great Britain Visits Jamaica and Apologises for Slavery

Representatives of the Baptist Union of Great Britain personally delivered to the Union, an apology for slavery, during their one-week visit to the island between May 22-29.

Camps 2008

“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



What is a Hurricane?



A hurricane is a type of tropical cyclone, that generally forms in the tropics. The cyclone is accompanied by thunderstorms and, circulation of winds near the earth's surface. Each year, an average of eleven tropical storms develop over the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico.

Hurricanes are categorized according to the strength of their winds using the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale. A Category 1 storm has the lowest wind speeds, while a Category 5 hurricane has the strongest. **It should be noted however that lower category storms can sometimes inflict greater damage than higher category storms, depending on where they strike and the particular hazards they bring.** In fact, tropical storms can also produce significant

damage and loss of life, mainly due to flooding.

Hurricane Names: When the winds from these storms reach 39 mph (34 kts), the cyclones are given names. Years ago, an international committee developed names for Atlantic cyclones. In 1979 a six year rotating list of Atlantic storm names was adopted — alternating between male and female hurricane names. Storm names are used to facilitate geographic referencing, for warning services, for legal issues, and to reduce confusion when two or more tropical cyclones occur at the same time. Through a vote of the World Meteorological Organization Region IV Subcommittee, Atlantic cyclone names are retired usually when hurricanes result in substantial damage or death or for other special circumstances.

The names assigned for the 2008 hurricane season are: Arthur, Bertha, Cristobal, Dolly, Edouard, Fay, Gustav, Hanna, Ike, Josephine, Kyle, Laura, Marco, Nana, Omar, Paloma, Rene, Sally, Teddy, Vicky, Wilfred.

Information retrieved from: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/basics.shtml>

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	Gloria Jefferson	Alberta Johnson
Adassa Reddie	Inez Graham	

Just for laughs

(Using the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God—Ephesians 6:16)

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "Stop - Acts 2:38!" (..turn from your sin...) The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an AXE and two 38's!"