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EDITORIAL: NEW BEGINNINGS AT THE END

The month of September marks the beginning of newness for many persons (new job, school, class, teacher, hairdo ... and the list could go on); and this beginning of newness is a good place to be because it is a starting point—yes, an opportunity to trust God and an opportunity to allow the Great Leader to direct our pathway along the new dimensions of life that we pursue.

Although it is a month of beginning, September also marks the end of our church calendar year. This is also a good place to be because we are provided with the opportunity to reflect on our stewardship as a church. It is an opportunity to give thanks to Almighty God for having guided us on our journey.

As we embark on the new journeys and reflect on past journeys let us make it our prayer to declare: *"Not to us, O Lord, but to You goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness (Psalm 115:1).*

*Dahlia Palmer,
Chairperson, Communications*

September Birthdays

Karyl Wedderburn	3rd
Garfield Irvin	5th
Fay Hibbert	10th
Zonika Tracey	14th
Cynthia Gayle	16th
Ivy Clemetson	17th
Michael Muir	22nd
Katana Dunbar	23rd
Claudette Taylor	25th
Desrene Walters	26th
Elise Barnett	27th

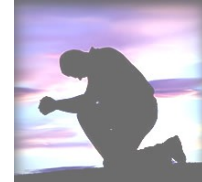
PUTTING YOUR HOPE AND CONFIDENCE IN GOD

The heart of the human being thrives on many things but it cannot thrive without something to hope for and someone in whom to place confidence. God alone is able to perfectly fulfill these needs of our hearts. Placing our hope and confidence in anything but God is like "expecting a tree to flourish in a barren desert." Such a tree will constantly be in need of water and may not survive. Like the tree in the desert longing for water, so our spiritual thirst will continue if we put our trust in things or in people, because objects (things) and people are unable to satisfy our deepest needs. Jeremiah 17:5-6 says *"Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans and turn their hearts away from the Lord. They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness on the salty flats where no one lives."*

We need to place our hope in the Lord for *"blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit"* (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

Putting our hope and confidence in God requires that we trust in the Lord with all of our hearts. Placing our hope and confidence in Almighty God will help us to know where God wants us to be, and in faith, we will allow Him to lead us to the place where He wants us to be.

PRAYERS



The true essence of prayer is focusing on God with a pure and repentant heart. We need to 'touch God with our hearts' by becoming preoccupied with Him through prayer.

- ◆ Prayer is a dialogue that takes place between God and man (male and female man)
- ◆ Prayer is a personal relationship with God and man
- ◆ Prayer is both a gift of grace (from God) and an active response (by man)

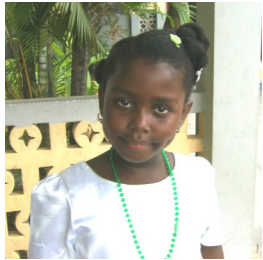
Did you remember to pray this morning?

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



MY FIRST TIME AT CAMP

By Toni-Ann Townsend



I did not know what to expect. Nothing went wrong; I only missed my mother. When it was exercise time on Friday at 6:20 a.m. we went to Spicy Hill. It was fun. We also had a banquet on Wednesday—that was fun too. We danced until we were tired.

At camp we were told to:

- ◆ Love God, love others and love ourselves

When I came home I told everyone all about camp.

JBU YOUTH CONFERENCE AND RALLY

THEME: Spirit filled with a purpose to fulfill

25th Anniversary Celebration

Road March, Interactive Exhibition, Rally Closing Ceremony, Mass Choir

Areas of competition:

Skit, Dance, Bible Quiz and Zone Banner

Date: November 19-21, 2009;

Venue: Nutshell Conference Centre

Cost: \$5,000.00



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WHERE ARE OUR YOUTHS?

Each year, the Youth Department tries to remind the wider membership of where our young people are in terms of their academic pursuits. As you read through the list, please remember to pray for our youths as they journey along their academic path.

Youths who completed their programme of studies

Jheanelle Plummer	Diploma in Special Education
Alicia McKenzie	Diploma in Counselling
Petra Hines	Degree in Medicine
Davy Blair	Degree in Medicine

Youths pursuing programme of studies

Mekelia Hibbert	University of Technology
Elise Barnett	University of the West Indies
Shanae Campbell	College Agriculture, Science and Education
Shantel Clarke	University of the West Indies
Zonika Tracey	University of the West Indies
Patrick Melvin	University of Technology
Dury Daley	Moneague College
Patrice Mills	University of Technology
Norman Israel	USA
Codi-Ann Campbell	Canada
Garfield Irvin	Maritime Institute
Gareth Irvin	United Theological College

Youths who sat 2009 CSEC exams

Oshane Barnett
Javon Barnett
Karyl Wedderburn
Kristen Williams
Jovan Thompson
Carlett Rhoden

Youths preparing for CSEC 2010

Gregory Walsh Oracabessa High
Jenessa Williams St. Mary High
Sasha McPherson Holy Childhood High

Youths who are in high School

Shanice McEachron Oracabessa High (Grade 10)
Shanique McEachron St. Mary Technical High (Grade 9)
Shamar Brown St. Mary Technical High (Grade 9)
Tanisha Holness Islington High (Grade 9)
Valrie Johnson Oracabessa High (Grade 9)
Shadel Brown Mary Mount High (Grade 9)
Tamoya Young St. Mary High (Grade 9)
Regina Bernard St. Mary High (Grade 9)
Kemar Sutherland Munroe College (Grade 9)
Tisha Robinson Highgate All-Age (Grade 8)
Jevaugh Dillon St. Mary High (Grade 7)
Jewel Sahti St. Mary High (Grade 7)
Shaniqua McEachron Brimmervale High (Grade 7)
Armallo Mills St. Mary High (Grade 7)