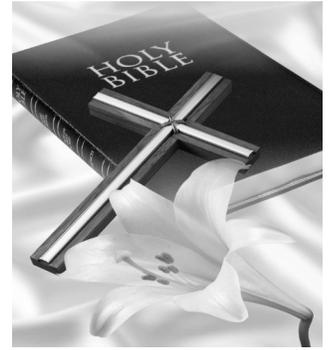


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EDITORIAL: THE ACT OF FELLOWSHIPING

Today, the St. Mary Baptist Association engages in "exchange of pulpit" Sunday. The thinking and purpose of this exchange is to promote fellowship within the circuit. Fellowshiping is of critical importance to God (Deut 16:10) because through this act of meeting with each other, we remind ourselves of the goodness of God. As we fellowship with each other we renew each other. Let us continue to join in fellowshiping with the people of God for encouragement and celebration of what God has done for us. Continue to pray for the parish as pastors, deacons and other lay persons visit churches to share and fellowship.

*Dahlia Palmer,
Chairperson, Communications*

June Birthdays

Pauline Hamilton	5th
Leanord Bucknor	9th
Micol Israel	9th
Merilyn Melvin	11th
Veronica Allen	13th
Daphne Reid	17th
Icilda Slyfield	20th
Karlene Wedderburn	20th
Rachel Thomas	21st
Pauline Brown	24th
Leroy Corey	25th
Gareth Irvin	25th
Nicola Nagheer	26th
Joslyn Spence	28th
Beverly Peddlar	29th

As part of our regular family month feature, this year we look at our church family members with businesses.

Uncle B's Miracle Jerk Centre

Started out of a grave challenge of not being able to collect monies owed from the sale of pigs to hoteliers, Norman Brown decided that rather than conduct one more sale to these institutions, he would rather jerk the remaining pigs that he had and so try to maximize profit. Thus began Uncle B's Miracle Jerk Centre.

Norman Brown recounts that he had absolutely no idea about jerking so he called upon the skills of a dear friend. He got tarpaulin from the church and upon suggestion decided to set up the business where he resided. The business grew little by little and it was a great success. However, one day the chef did not turn up and it was later discovered that he had opened up his own business. Norman Brown stated that he was reduced to tears and he believes he was lead to read Joshua chapter one which several times said "Do not be afraid". And so, with this new found courage, Norman Brown jerked and experimented until today where he is now an expert at jerking and as he said "the rest is history". The business currently employs eight persons full time. The Miracle Jerk Centre does catering and has a rental service component to the business, i.e. rental of plates, glassware and cutlery. The centre will be expanding into other areas—new ways of jerking!! Bro. Brown advises business owners that "during this economic climate, this is a chance to create new opportunities; stick with it and turn your ideas into opportunities." Norman Brown does not take the credit for anything that he has done. Firstly, he highlights the fact that all that he has achieved is by the help and miraculous power of God Almighty. "Through all the challenges", he says, "God provides even when I cannot see my way." He also credits the business progression on family support especially his wife, Florence and he says "Words cannot express the family support I have received in this venture. Support is very important to me; it means I am not alone!" Florence Brown comments that God has truly been good to them in terms of the success of the business. The major challenge has been managing business and family life but she highlights that together, they have managed to get around this hurdle and as a family they can truly say that they are happy and comfortable. At the end of the day there is satisfaction in what has been accomplished and there is thankfulness for God's provision. You can make contact with Uncle B's Miracle Jerk centre by visiting them at Sandside, St. Mary or calling at 573-0937 or 462-6701.



JUNE REMINDERS

28th Caribbean Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Sunday

JULY REMINDERS

1st Emmanuel Basic Graduation
5th Re-dedication Service
12th Harvest Thanksgiving Service

BON VOYAGE



Our brother Keithburn Hines will leave the country this week to join his wife in the United States. We are going to miss you brother Hines. Please continue to be in prayer for Bro and Sis Hines.

Congratulations

to Suzzette and Miguel Ison who were joined together in holy matrimony yesterday, June 27, 2009. We wish them God's continued blessing as they start this new journey together.



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



BE A FRIEND TO A SICK OR SHUT-IN MEMBER TODAY! IT WILL BE WORTH IT!!

Port Maria Circuit of Baptist Churches Benevolent Fund

The benevolent fund seeks to find a way to assist with the cost of burial. At the time of death, your family members will receive a contribution towards funeral expenses, based on your request. If you are not a part of this fund, now is the time to become a member. For further information contact the church's office at 994-2475. The contribution is J\$100 per month.



CARIBBEAN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

The Caribbean Baptist Fellowship was established in 1970 and was made up of fourteen conventions/unions/associations in the Caribbean. Today the organization has twenty eight members and affiliates involving three major languages French, Spanish and English. The first president of the Fellowship was the Rev. Azariah Mckenzie who at the time was serving as the General Secretary of the Jamaica Baptist Union. He served as president for ten years before becoming the full time officer of the fellowship in the capacity of executive secretary/treasurer. The main function of the CBF is to promote fellowship, cooperation and service among Baptists throughout the Caribbean, by means of correspondence, called meetings, study and the promotion of appropriate activities for the development of Christian maturity and ministry witness. Another function of the CBF is to produce and promote the use of appropriate and culturally-relevant literature and media materials for the spiritual nurture of our people and the growth of our churches. In this regard the CBF operates an agency called CCP—Caribbean Christian Publications. CCP produces culturally relevant Sunday School literature for Caribbean churches and presently operates from Jamaica in a building named after the first president of the CBF and owned by the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship.

Silence and stillness

We live in a society where it seems that people are afraid of silence. The "fear" of silence is sometimes evidenced in the church e.g. if there is a request for silence to reflect, invariably a hymn is raised "to kill the silence".

When we are in a state of silence, we can better hear the Lord speaking to our hearts. We need to engage in intentional silence so that we can reflect on our conversations, see more clearly how we use and abuse words and to understand how "noise" sometimes mask the voice of the Lord speaking to us.

But, it is not enough to be silent; this must be accompanied with stillness and deep meditation on the Word of God. "Be still and know!" Then begin your meditation.

In order to meditate, you must accept that the invisible power of God will provide everything you need. Begin with prayer then engage yourself in continuous, contemplative thought. In this way, you place yourself in the position to know and hear the voice of God from within your being.

Silence, stillness and mediation is not hard. Everything you need to know about the Divine is available to us in silence, stillness and mediation.

The quieter you become, the more you can hear
(Baba Ram Dass)

**JBU CAMPS 2009 under the theme:
SPIRIT-FILLED WITH A PURPOSE TO FULFILL**

Junior Camp	July 6-11	9-12 years
Intermediate 1	July 13-18	13-14 years
Intermediate 1	July 27-31	15-16 years
Youth 1	August 3-8	17-20 years



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**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