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## **EDITORIAL: HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

Harvest is a season of great joy. It is a time of thankful rejoicing; it is a moment of celebration of the gifts that God has given to us. God has been so faithful to His people in every way. God has provided for us despite food and other material shortages around the world. The lush plantains and green bananas, the monetary gifts we offer, the talents that we share, are just some of the evidences of God's providential care of us His children. Today—and always—may we truly celebrate the goodness of God and give to Him the best of our worship, substances, talents and our time and may we truly

give to Him our hearts. And as we celebrate let us never forget to share God's gifts with those who are in need.



Dahlia Palmer, Chairperson, Communications

The family month series will continue for the next two weeks in month of July. As part of our regular family month feature, this year we look at our church family members with businesses.



The name Tripple-C comes from three names Coleman, Campbell and Codiann. This small restaurant was established in April 2007 by Sis. Lorna Coleman-Campbell and



family. The restaurant is located at Pineapple Place in Ocho Rios. Tripple-C serves breakfast and lunch on a daily basis. Sister Lorna states that to-date the business is doing very well and so far there have been no major challenges in this regard. The contact number for the restaurant is (876) 371-5335.





In continuing with her love for teaching, in 2002, Karlane McLean decided to start her own basic school on the premises of the Galina Baptist Church. After all, she had once been principal at the Emmanuel Basic School and further, she had acquired administrative skills having worked as an administrative assistant for several years. Starting the school however, was a challenge because for approximately six months, the school only had one student. Today, the Galina Basic School has over 30 students and employs two teachers and one cook.

Sis. Karlane indicates that one of the greatest satisfaction in teaching is taking a child who was not able to read, working with the child and watching that child grow and see all the things that the child accomplishes over the period at the school.



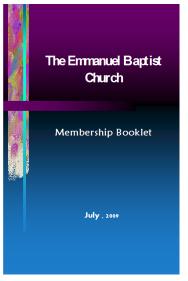
# July Birthdays

Fay Dixon Bruce Wedderburn	2nd 4th
Shannatta Barnett	7th
Olga Campbell	13th
Hilda Lewin	16th
Yvonne Brown	17th
Leonard Martin	24th
Suzzette Ison	25th
Tricia Thompson	31st

## JULY REMINDERS

12th Harvest Thanksgiving Service
13-th JBU Intermediate I Camp
19th Concert at Galina
20-25 Spiritual Empowerment Camp
27-31 JBU Intermediate II Camp
31st Emancipation Vigil

#### MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET



Coloured print of the membership booklet is on sale at a cost of \$500. You can order your booklet along with the payment at the church's office

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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 !!



#### SMBAYA SPORTS DAY AND RALLY

The St. Mary Baptist Association Youth Arm had it's sports day last Saturday, July 4, 2009 at the Gray's Inn Sports Complex. The Port Maria Circuit (which combined the Emmanuel and Oxford Churches) was declared the strongest team for the Bible Quiz. The circuit will however collaborate with the Zion Hill Circuit for the Area elimination in October as the Zion Hill Circuit was declared the strongest team in Baptist belief and history. The Port Maria Circuit will also represent the parish in dance while the Oracabessa circuit will represent the parish in skit.



Members of the Port Maria Circuit Bible-Quiz team. From left to right are: Chase Neil (Oxford), Sherilee Brown (Emmanuel), Laurana Laing (Oxford) and Tamoya Young (Emmanuel).

**SUMMER DAYS** are here again. The days are extremely hot so ensure that you drink plenty of water, eat lots of fruits that are in season and please, don't forget the vegetables. Also, the days are long-don't forget to go to bed on time and get adequate sleep.

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**HELP!!** Volunteers are needed for VBS 2009. Please talk with Sis. Maureen Cunningham or leave your name at the church's office.

## MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Money plays an important role in our spiritual lives. Bible scholars have noted that 25% of Jesus' teaching mention money in some way. Our financial attitudes and practices play a role in our spiritual health. In St. Luke 12:34, Jesus says "wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be." Here Jesus is suggesting that money has the power to direct our hearts. If we carelessly invest in worldly treasures, our hearts will be drawn to them. But if we intentionally direct our financial resources toward spiritual priorities, our hearts will follow suit. It is not here being suggested that we send our financial resources to tele-evangelists who "sell" the gospel for their own personal gain. Jesus gives us the principle of spiritual investment: We gain freedom from money's power by using money for Kingdom priorities. Instead of trying to serve God and money, we should use our money purely to serve God.

Perhaps we should spend some time to review our financial expenditure of the last week or two. Think about what your spending reveals about your heart! May God grant us the wisdom in directing our financial resources.

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

Intermediate 1 July 13-18 Intermediate 1 July 27-31 Youth 1 August 3-8 13-14 years 15-16 years 17-20 years



**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