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EDITORIAL: HAPPY? MOTHER'S DAY

Motherhood is an inclusive term; therefore, a mother is not just a person who has given birth to a child. A mother is any female who has cared for and nurtured any child (and still continues to do so) - and there are many such persons in our communities and even in our church. And of course I would want to extend this term to include some males because we do have males who have mothered their children.

Yet, even as we celebrate this special day, it is also a day that brings back sad memories for some persons—it is not a happy mother's day perhaps because of abuse, loss of mother or the inability to give birth. I challenge each of us not to get caught up in ignoring those persons for whom this day brings pain and distress. Of course we need to take the time to thank all the significant females and males who have made positive impact in our lives (grandmother, teacher, mother, father, sister, aunt, etc) but we also need to remember those who are without mothers, and those who have tried to but have never given "birth".

Are you happy this Mother's Day? Then spread the happiness; find someone, particularly a child—who has lost a mother, sit with that person and hear the good thing he/she remembers about his/her mother; give a special gift or encouragement to someone for whom this day brings pain. In fact, let us follow the Lord's example—his mothering character toward us his children then we can all share in this happy mother's day.

Dahlia Palmer,

Chairperson, Communications

May Birthdays

Lurline Edwards	1st
Karlane McLean	5th
Daphne Lewis	9th
Michael Jackson	11th
Joycelyn Barnett	15th
Shanae Campbell	16th
Olivene McPherson	17th
Verona Porter	17th
Vivene Irvin	18th
Jovan Thompson	19th
Valrie Johnson	20th
Pauline Smith	22nd
Pearline Harriot	24th
Margaret McFarquhar	24th
Ena Bucknor	26th
Gwendolyn Robinson	28th
Lucan Scott	28th
Carol Levers	29th
Louise Plummer	30th
Jevan Radway	31st

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Many persons seem to think that protecting children relates specifically to their physical well being—that is keeping them from physical harm and danger. However, protection of children goes far beyond the physical realm. We need to protect our children's mental development. Exposing children to written and visual images for which they are not ready for harms them mentally. Some of these include violent movies and cartoons, calendars with half-naked women, posters promoting x-rated parties, and the list could go on and on. This places pressure on the children and push them to grow up too fast. This is forcing the children to cope with adult information in the media before they have mastered the problems of childhood.

Psychologists, such as Isenberg (1980) indicate that this type of mental abuse of our children leads to aggressive behaviour in the short-term and lead children to become de-sensitized to violence later in life. This also discourages children from cooperating to resolve problems because they come to accept what they see as appropriate behaviour.

Let us truly protect our children by monitoring the things they view and aim to create balance in their lives by ensuring that the home and school environment provide their minds with healthy images.

MAY REMINDERS

10th	Mothers' Day
18th	Anniversary of establishment of Emmanuel
25th	Labour day
30th	Children's Concert
31st	Pentecost Sunday and Circuit Family Day

The month of May is celebrated as Family Month. Various aspects of family life will be featured in the Newsletter and in the wider church activities. We encourage you to be in much prayer as well as participate in the activities for your own growth and development as part of the family of God.

Tribute to Teachers

I still remember the name of my basic school teacher (Ms. Russell); I remember the names of all my primary school teachers (Ms. Davis-grade 1; Mrs. Evans-grade 2; Ms. Atterbury-grade 4; and Ms. Barrett-grade 6). But remembering the names of my teachers is not the primary focus of my memory at this point. My main memory of my teachers relates to part of who I am as a teacher. I sense that who I am as a teacher and all that I will pass on to my students stems from the relationships that I had with my teachers and I just want to say to all my teachers ***"you have been important to me and thanks for all you have done."*** (contributed)

Who is a mother?

Who is a mother? A mother is a woman, a wife, a child-bearer and a home maker. Who is a mother? A mother is a great teacher, a knowledge passer, a great mentor and a hope planter. Who is a mother? A mother is a foreseer, a future builder, a great thinker and a role-model. Who is a mother? A mother is a motivator, a creative person, a talent flourisher and a potential unlocker. Who is a mother? A mother is a problem solver, a peace maker, a sensitive person and a risk taker. Who is a mother? A mother is a compassionate person, a shoulder to lean on, and the first person to talk to, in times of crises.

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<http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/who-is-a-mother/>

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Because my mother had a habit of losing her cordless phone, I bought her a phone with a clip on it so she could attach it directly to her belt. A few days later, I walked into my mother's home and found her standing in the middle of the living room, halfway dressed. That did not strike me as odd so much as the fact that she was holding her pants to the side of her head and speaking into them. "Do not look at me that way," she yelled. "The phone started ringing and I could not figure out how to undo this stupid clip!"

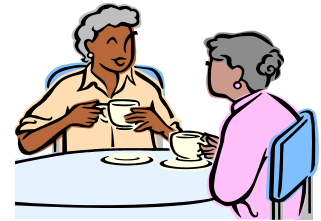
An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, "For eaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!"

SPECIAL PRAYER MEETINGS dealing with the future of the church

The church will be engaged in a series of prayer meetings as we seek to understand the mind of God in moving forward as a church. Your support and participation will facilitate this process.

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!!



CAMPS & CONFERENCES

The dates for the JBU Camps and Conferences are fast approaching. We encourage the juniors and youths to save towards this venture; we ask members to be in prayer for our youths and continue to encourage them in their walk of faith.

EAT HEALTHY; EXERCISE DAILY; LAUGH HEARTILY; LIVE LONGER!

We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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DO you have a family issue that you want us to write about? Or do you have an article that you wish to share? Please feel free to let us know or leave same with Sis. Dahlia Palmer or at the church's office. We look forward to hearing from you.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

In a effort to raise funds for youth related ministries, the youths are organizing a concert which will be held on Saturday, May 30. All the items will be presented by the children and youths. Please be in prayer for their effort in this regard and support them in this venture. Tickets are currently on sale from members of the youth fellowship.

The Children and Youths of the Emmanuel Baptist Church

present

ON THE GO!!

A concert featuring children and youths in songs, dance, dialect, music and more



Date: Saturday, May 30, 2009
Time: 5:00 pm
Venue: Emmanuel Baptist Church
Cost: \$100 (children)
 \$200 (adults)



Refreshments will be on sale

EXAMS ARE IN THE AIR—PRAY FOR ALL THE PERSONS WHO ARE SITTING BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL EXAMS.

