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EDITORIAL: THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Today on the Christian calendar is celebrated as Pentecost. Before ascending to heaven Jesus promised his disciples that after he left, the Holy Spirit would bring them power. The disciples had little knowledge of just what kind of power would be made available to them. Well they received the power of the Holy spirit who transformed their lives and gave them boldness and confidence in their witness for Christ. This power from on high is not limited to the disciples in their day. God makes his power available to us today through the same Holy Spirit. Let us embrace the power of the Holy Spirit and step out in confidence declaring the word of the Lord.

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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

Invitation to Pentecostal Courage



The following is an edited version of a message from the Baptist World Alliance General Secretary Neville Callam

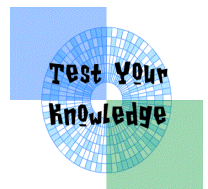
Pentecost marks the season of the Spirit. As at the first Pentecost, the Spirit blows and the result is a remarkable empowerment. The weak are made strong, the timid made brave and those who fall silent in the face of perceived threat to their personal safety now burst the bonds of concern for self and bear potent witness to unvarnished, life-transforming truth. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples escape the grip of fear and timidity and speak a word in the name of Christ calling all who would listen to the new life God makes available to all who repent and believe the Gospel. Holy Spirit-inspired courage is badly needed in our world today. Pentecost summons us to rise up and speak courageously, to recognize that it is only in the power of the Spirit that we can speak truth to power, bear witness to the convictions we have been led to hold and to live authentically as people whom God is constantly renewing. Pentecost calls us to be people of real courage, not because of who we are, but because of who possesses us. Let us not forget, however, that when the Holy Spirit empowers us to act courageously, some may feel threatened by the prospect of losing their position of privilege. This may cost us dearly. Yet, what price can we not pay to live as God's Pentecostal people?

Pentecost 2009

MAY REMINDERS

31st Pentecost Sunday and Family Day

BIBLE QUIZ QUESTIONS



1. What form did the Holy Spirit come to Jesus' disciples?
2. What sounds did the disciples hear just before the Holy Spirit came?
3. Who acted as spokesman for the disciples on the day of Pentecost?

(See Acts 2 for answers)

Our lives in the Spirit

In light of Christ's life in the Spirit, we can now ask what our daily life in the Spirit looks like. It is a Christoform life, one shaped after Christ's life. For the same Spirit whom Christ bears, Christ has also given to us.

Jesus is anointed with the Spirit at His baptism so that we, too, might receive His Spirit or anointing in our baptism.

Anointed to serve others

The Spirit anoints us to proclaim the Word. As the Father sends the Son and gives Him the Spirit to speak words that are "Spirit and life," so also does the Son breathe the Spirit on us, His disciples so that we might speak words that bring people to faith in Christ. Like Jesus, the Church is led by the Spirit into the world to call sinners to repentance and forgive their sins. <http://www.stpaulskingsville.org/pdf/witness/holyspirit.pdf>



JUST A REMINDER ...

The spirit is here, to empower us
The Spirit is here, in our lives
He gave us gifts and abilities
So that God's great will can be fulfilled!

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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

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!!



Three Hymns:

One Sunday a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 bill in offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate. And there sat our Rosie all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him!"

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

We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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Healthy Minds

Being healthy means dealing with changes in your body - and your mind. Health minds are nurtured by parents, caregivers, teachers and other significant adults and groups. This can be done by feeding the mind with regular doses of things that are pure, true, just, lovely, praiseworthy and commendable. Try it— you will be surprised at your new outlook on life!!



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.

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

