

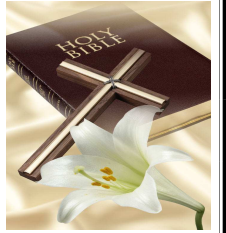
UP-DATE: Each year, the Youth Department gives the wider church membership an up-date of where our youths are in terms of their schooling and academic quests—and this year is no different.

We continue to give God thanks that our youths continue to stay in school and at the end of studies, have found meaningful employment to contribute to a stable society. As always, we crave your prayers, encouragement and support for our youths as they face the challenges of being youth and being Christian in environments that may defy

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SPECIAL YOUTH ISSUE

As a youth department, we try to connect with our youths in ways that will help them to understand who God is. We seek to do this using varied methods and activities that will inspire and excite our young people for Christ. One such method is encouraging our youths to share in the JBU Camps and Conferences. This year, we had seven persons attending the camps. Below, they share their camp experiences.

Below is a list of the names of our youths still in school:

Youths in tertiary institutions

Mekelia Hibbert	University of Technology
Elise Barnett	University of the West Indies
Zonika Tracey	University of the West Indies
Garfield Irvin	Jamaica Maritime Institute
Patrick Melvin	University of Technology
Gareth Irvin	United Theological College
Patrice Mills	University of Technology
Shantel Clarke	University of the West Indies
Codi-Ann Campbell	Brock University, Canada
Shanae Campbell	CASE
Norman Israel	USA
Dury Daley	University of Technology
Andrew Campbell	University of Technology
Oshane Barnett	HEART-Trust (Mechanics)

Youths in upper 6th form

Jovan Thompson	St. Mary High
Karyl Wedderburn	Ocho Rios High

Youths who were successful in their CSEC

exams:

Sasha McPherson and Jenessa Williams

Youths in high school

Shanice McEachron	Oracabessa High (Grade 11)
Shanique McEachron	St. Mary Tech. High (Grade 10)
Shamar Brown	St. Mary Tech. High (Grade 10)
Tanisha Holness	Islington High (Grade 10)
Shadell Brown	Marymount High (Grade 10)
Tamoya Young	St. Mary High (Grade 10)
Kemar Sutherland	Munroe College (Grade 10)
Robert Williams	St. Mary High (Grade 10)
Regina Bernard	St. Mary High (Grade 10)
Valrie Johnson	Oracabessa High (Grade 9)
Mark Campbell	Ocho Rios High (Grade 8)
Jevaughn Dillon	St. Mary High (Grade 8)
Jewel Sahti	St. Mary High (Grade 8)
Shaniqua McEachron	Brimmervale High (Grade 8)
Armallo Mills	St. Mary High (Grade 8)
Matthew Smith	Islington High (Grade 7)
Chadale Hood	St. Mary High (Grade 7)
Monique Maxwell	Oracabessa High (Grade 7)
Shakira Sinclair	Marymount High (Grade 7)
Shara-Kaye Patterson	Marymount High (Grade 7)

We remind our youths who wish to move on to other institutions of higher learning that applications for entry to these colleges and universities are usually opened between November and January. Please do not miss out on attending the college or university of your choice - start the application process as soon as it "hits" November 2010!!

Youths ... be wise—have God as your guide!!

We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

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Up-coming Reminders

- Aug 29 -Funeral service for Sis. Olga's son
- Aug 31 -Officers' Meeting;
- Sept 12 -Teen Challenge worships with us.
- Sept 12 -Senior Citizens Concert (5 p.m.)
- Sept 30 -Induction Service

Dury Daley (youth camp): On reaching camp on the first day, I felt like a stranger to all. Other than me, only two persons from my church went—Karyl and Andrew. We got registered and we were placed in different groups and houses. I was in yellow house known as Starlights (as well as Karyl) and I was also in the arts and crafts group with Andrew. For the first day, I was by Karyl's side as I knew no one else and I was shy. Eventually, few persons started greeting me and I felt a bit more comfortable; then we had supper. I then sorted out my room and got to know the other room-mates including our dorm counsellor. I did not sleep until 4 a.m. the next morning as I was not used to that bed. Later in the morning we had dorm devotion, then we exercised. We went on beach trips, worshipped at least three times, rested, went to bible study groups, ate and had dorm reflections. I met some new friends and I was feeling more and more at home. The broad topic at camp was "*Jesus a fi wi hope*" and we looked at three types of hope (i) genuine hope: this is not wishful thinking but a firm assurance about things that are unseen and still in the future (ii) Christian hope: this is hope that one day Jesus will return to us; and (iii) desperate hope: this is taking chances in ungodly actions in hope of winning the odds e.g. lottery. We had our different missions on Thursday—some of us went to infirmaries, hospitals, while others stayed at camp and prepared the auditorium for the banquet night. The banquet was fun as we took girls to dance and had meals with them and got to know them more. We had our sports day on Friday and all the houses got cake. Saturday morning we went for commitment service and a pastor came in and preached to us; we took communion and some youths gave their lives to the Lord. Camp was truly a blessing and it uplifted my spiritual lifestyle. Up on leaving camp, I was so disappointed because it was too short and I had just made new friends but I enjoyed it to the fullest. Hopefully next year, through God's blessing, I will be there!!

Andrew Campbell (youth camp): I arrived on Monday afternoon to an auditorium filled with many young people milling about. Some in lines registering, and others just standing around, catching up with old friends and getting acquainted with new ones. This was my first time at youth camp, and honestly, I thought this made things seem a whole lot more over-rated than what I had heard about camp. But boy was I in for a surprise. After getting into my room and having dinner, it was about time for the evening's worship service. What an experience. Praise & Worship, the testimonies by fellow campers, and the sermon? were all geared towards opening our minds up to

the various aspects of strengthening our faith as young people, and why "*Jesus A Fi Wi Hope*." (Theme for the week). The only downside however was the late start and late end. On Tuesday, we started with bible study after breakfast and then were divided into various groups to discuss topics and questions based upon the study of that day. Each day, we would do the study, and then discuss. Then meet after to share what we had learnt. This part of the day was my favourite as it helped me to understand scripture a lot better than if I had tried by myself. Each day followed the same pattern. Morning exercise session, breakfast, Bible study, lunch, Creative Concepts (art & craft, church liturgy, drama, etc...), Free Time, Dinner and then Evening Worship. On Thursday, instead of our usual creative concept session, we were divided into groups and went on mission trips to various places within Trelawny: a girls' home, a home for the elderly, a hospital and an infirmary. As well as a day of missions, it was also the evening of the banquet where many of the young people showcased their talents and those who were now too old to return to camp the next year, graduated. Friday was sports day and was a day of relaxing and unwinding of a really packed week by way of a bonfire. Each house had gathered firewood throughout the day and that evening, all the campers, counsellors and staff gathered around the fire, sharing stories, listening to selections by the Male's Bathroom Choir and just having a good time talking with friends. Saturday, the day we were to leave, was to end with a commissioning service in the morning before breakfast. This was the most spiritual experience of the week. God's presence could truly be felt in the room that morning. Many young people gave their lives to Christ as well as others recommitted themselves to him. Youth Camp 2010 was truly a wonderful experience and certainly makes a first timer such as myself really want to come back next year!!

Jevaughn Dillon (intermediate 2): This was my second camp experience. This camp experience was an official turn for everyone in terms of behavioural pattern, and faith in God. This was really a once in a life time experience. The camp was like church—faith hour, Bible study, devotions and all that but the main source is faith and courage in God. With God you will always succeed.

Mark Campbell (intermediate 1): My week at camp started off very well. I met my cousin but she was the only one I knew since it was my first time going to camp. The first day we started off with exercise, then chapel hour, which was where our camp leader preached to us every morning and also where the different houses got to meet and discuss plans they had in place. After that, we went to our dorms, had our bath then we got a one hour break to talk with our friends. Bible study was next. It was interesting but what I liked the most was the part where we got to go to the beach. It was fun; the waves were taller than all of us so we had to be careful. Camp was a lot of fun. I want to go back next year. The real part I like the most was the banquet. I took a girl out. We had fun because we were with other friends as well as at the same table.

Tanisha Holness (intermediate camp 2): My one week experience at intermediate camp was truly a blessing. The camp was held at the Nutshell conference centre in Duncans, Trelawny between July 26-31. The theme was "Jesus a fi wi hope" and really He is. The theme song was "Jesus

you're my firm foundation." We arrived on Monday at approximately 3 p.m. There was a small number of campers on the compound. We went inside and got registered then we went to the conference room to check our bags for any electronic items. On Tuesday we woke up at 6:15 a.m. for warm up, we then had breakfast then it was time for worship at 8:00 a.m. The theme was "Joyfully accepting" which means accepting the beliefs of God. The focus scripture was Acts 2:36-41. On Wednesday, the theme was "Eagerly imitating" that is, ways in which we can follow God's guides and footsteps. The focus scripture was Acts 2:42-47. On Thursday we went on our outreach and some persons went to the beach. I went to the Granville Girls' Home. It was fun being there seeing and meeting the young children. We spoke with them and we had devotions and we played netball. We left there about 5:30 p.m. On Friday, we had our sports day and they placed me in red house and it was the winning house. After sports we had to prepare for the banquet at 7:00 p.m. It was good. Then we had graduation and presentation of certificates and cake for the winning house and cake for all the other houses. Cakes were also given to the male and female rooms that were always kept clean. There was also the crowning of camp king and queen and this came from red house. On Saturday we had our commitment and dedication service and we had communion. After this, it was time for departure. Campers and counsellors were crying while some were rejoicing. I would like to thank Rev. Campbell who made it a part of his schedule for taking us to camp. Also thanks to all the persons who made it possible for me to attend camp this year—thanks a lot and may God bless you all.

Shadell Brown (intermediate 2): Well, my first time at camp was exciting. At first I did not know what to expect but when I reached it didn't seem too bad. We settled in our dorms and then went to a welcome service. We had supper afterwards and we got time to get to know each other. Lights out was at 11:00 p.m. I could not wait for the next morning. In the mornings we got up at 5:30 a.m. for devotions and keep fit then afterwards, breakfast and then on to the schedules of each day which consisted of many fun activities like group assignments and games. At the end of the week, we all packed and said our goodbyes to each other. So for this first time at camp I will say that it was amazing and I would like to have that wonderful week to come again.

Please remember to pray for our sick and shut-in members as well as those of our members who have lost loved ones.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

If you have school books in good condition, please talk with any member of the youth department (or the social ministry chairperson—Deacon Linda Hines). This is just one way that we can reduce the back-to-school costs.