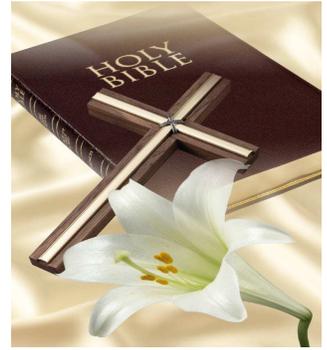


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EDITORIAL: REFLECTING ON OUR STEWARDSHIP

As we draw near to the end of our church year, it is a good opportunity for us to reflect on our stewardship—individually and as a church—and to give an account of how we have carried out our responsibilities as Christians in our communities. This should open our eyes to see how faithful we have been to the Mission of our Lord. Here are a few questions that we can ask ourselves to focus our thoughts about our stewardship: *How was I a disciple of Jesus in my community over the past year? Did I use my God-given gifts to glorify God? How did I use my gifts to serve the body, the Church? How much did the body, the Church, suffer when I was not present? How much time did I spend in prayer? How often did I attend designated meetings to give account of work carried out as an officer? How was my financial giving for this year? What was the depth of my interaction in the Word of God?* God has called each of us to play our part in fulfilling the Mission of Christ. He is calling us to use our skills and passion for our church—the poor, the children, the elderly—to serve Him and the community around us. Let us truly reflect and be challenged to be faithful to the Mission of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Dahlia Palmer
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JBU MISSION EMPHASIS MONTH

The JBU through its Mission Agency, has designated September as Mission Month and September 19-25 as Mission Week, under the theme *“Living in Hope: Training, Transforming and Transacting.”* For the month, a special bible study series has been prepared by Rev. Dayne Grant, Pastor, Port Antonio Circuit of Baptist Churches. There is a study for each of the four (4) weeks in September. Here is an outline of the bible study:

Week #1: Theme - Hope Alive

Sub-theme: From ‘My Life’ to God’s Mission

TEXT: St. John 21:1-9

WEEK #2: Theme - Hope Alive

Sub-theme: The Mission is God’s and God is the host

TEXT: St. John 21:9-14

WEEK #3: Theme - Hope Alive

Sub-theme: Dying for the sake of God’s mission

TEXT: St. John 21:15-19

WEEK #4: Theme - Hope Alive

Sub-theme: Pitfalls to avoid when engaged in God’s Mission

TEXT: St. John 21:20-23

You can access the details of the bible study at

<http://www.jbu.org.jm/Mission%20Month%202010%20-%20Bible%20Study%20Series%20-%20Hope%20Alive.pdf>

SEPTEMBER REMINDERS

1st-30th MISSION MONTH

- 12th Teen Challenge shares in the morning service. Please bring a special offering for the group.
12th Senior Citizen’s Concert (5 p.m.)
19th Reports from all officers to be submitted in preparation for members’ meeting in October
30th Induction Service (3 p.m.)

September Birthdays

Karyl Wedderburn	3rd
Garfield Irvin	5th
Fay Hibbert	10th
Zonika Tracey	14th
Cynthia Gayle	16th
Ivy Clemetson	17th
Michael Muir	22nd
Katana Dunbar	23rd
Claudette Taylor	25th
Desrene Walters	26th
Elise Barnett	27th

The flower for September is **ASTER** which is love, faith, and wisdom. The flower also symbolizes valour.

SAPPHIRE is the birthstone for September.

We are back online at - www.emmanuelbaptist-jm.org

Emmanuel Baptist Church has been described as a family centre for one reason or another. Part of this name branding is that Emmanuel seeks to cater to the different ages through its varied activities. But the overarching things that make Emmanuel a great family are the caring, hospitable, friendly, and encouraging attitudes of the membership. This is a God-given gift that we truly cherish and do not take for granted.

Remember

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

JAMAICA BAPTIST UNION MISSION AGENCY (JBUMA)

MISSION MONTH SEPT. 2010



THEME FOR THE MONTH
 "... LIVING IN HOPE
 TRAINING, TRANSFORMING
 AND TRANSACTING..."

Areas of Emphasis for the MONTH:

- Listen to the "CHRIST for TODAY" programme each week;
- Look out for the Mission Month Bible Study Series, "MISSION ALIVE";
- Training in Discipleship & Ministry (TDM) Programme, come learn more for the mission;
- AZARIAH MCKENZIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, start making your contributions; and
- JBUMA Mission Fund - "GIVING PLAN" - the mission needs your monthly contributions.

WE ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE

Fulfilling the mission of Christ is a task for each of us who names the name of Christ. All it takes, as outlined in the song below by Babbie Mason, is for each of us to reach out to just one individual.

Tonight a man is somewhere proclaiming the good news
 Winning families to Jesus all around his neighbourhood
 He tells them that God is able to make their house a home
 He wants to win his world for Christ, but he can't do it alone

Chorus:

*But each one can reach one, as we follow after Christ we all can lead one
 We can lead one to the Saviour, and together we can tell the world
 That Jesus is the way, if we each one reach one.*

The message is unchanging, "Go ye into all the world"
 And share the love of Jesus far away or door to door
 You see, just like somebody told you that Jesus loves you so
 You must tell someone, who will tell someone,
 Until the whole world knows

So will you go and labour, will you hold high your light
 One by one and two by two, we can win our world for Jesus Christ

And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach
 the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

MISSIONARY MARTYR

There are countries where the activities of the church are greatly restricted; and there are some countries in the world where open evangelism by Christians is unlawful and there are Churches in some areas where they have to meet in secret (referred to as Underground Churches).

Some of us may think that it is impossible for the gospel to reach these countries. Fulfilling the Great Commission in those countries can be challenging, but it is not impossible; and within the possibility of fulfilling the Great Commission, many have lost their lives.

Ravi Murmu, and evangelist, was brutally killed while coming back after showing a film show. He went along with a team for showing the film and on return he was alone; the others had left a little early. When he didn't reach home late in the night, a search ensued where they found his severally lacerated dead body. His one hand was severally cut, and there were deep cut wounds on his neck and other parts of the body.

This true story is a reminder of the price that thousands of Christians pay for the sake of the gospel of Jesus. Ravi represents the scores of husbands, fathers, pastors, church leaders, and Christians around the world who take a stand for the gospel.

May this story serve as an encouragement and an exhortation to all of us as Christians, to stand firm in the workplace, neighbourhood, community and at school for the sake of Jesus' Name, for *it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong* (1 Peter 3:17). Jesus said, *"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it."* (Mark 8:34-35).

PRAYERS

- ◆ Pray that we will truly give God glory for His excellent mercies and tender compassion
- ◆ Pray that truth and integrity will become the hallmark of our nation's leaders
- ◆ Pray for those who are in need of salvation



We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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