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EDITORIAL:

This month is significant to us for a number of reasons. As a nation we celebrate our heritage by reflecting on our past achievements, as we seek to develop our culture for future generations. We have a lot to be proud of amidst all the negativity we hear about our country. Let us give thanks to God for blessing us with the gifts, talents and expertise we see displayed by our artists, musicians, sportsmen/women, skilled tradesmen/women and other professionals from all walks of life; and pray that we will continue to make brand 'Jamaica' known to the rest of the world.

As a congregation, it is the beginning of a new church year, when we seek to put into motion our plans for ministry as God's people. To do this effectively everyone needs to get on board by playing his/her part as a member of the body of Christ. Let us remember we 'have a goodly heritage' (Ps.16:6) and we are to faithfully preserve this for the glory of God.

Rev. Oral Campbell
Pastor

WHAT NEXT?

I strongly believe that each person who has accepted Christ as his/her Lord and Saviour, has also been called by God into an area of service. As such, every single believer has been endowed with a spiritual gift (or two ... or three). What are spiritual gifts? Well these are blessings and abilities that God gives for a specific purpose. What is the purpose of our spiritual gifts? Ephesians 4:12 tells us that spiritual gifts are "*for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ;*"

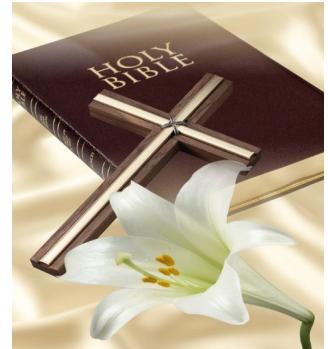
Based on this scripture, each Christian has a great responsibility in ensuring that we:
(a) contribute to each other becoming perfect in Christ (*perfecting of the saints*);
(b) participate actively in fulfilling the Mission of Christ (*work of the ministry*); and
(c) encourage each other in Christ (*edifying of the body of Christ*)

Are you aware of the spiritual gift(s) that God has bestowed upon you?" Unfortunately, there is no magical formula that can be used to tell what your spiritual gifts are. What we should each do, is pray and depend on the Holy Spirit to reveal this to us because it is the Holy Spirit who dispenses the gifts as He determines. This revelation from the Holy Spirit can also come through talking with your pastor and/or mature church leader who may observe specific qualities and abilities in you. Also, sometimes, completing a spiritual gift inventory can also help as a guide.

For those persons who may have identified their spiritual gift(s), "*what have you been doing with it (them)?"* Some persons "sit" on their God-given gift(s) and this greatly affects the work of the church. You have a responsibility to use your gift to build up the body of Christ. You need to "work" your gift(s).

"*I have the gift of -----, and that's the only area I will serve in*" is a phrase that is sometimes uttered by some Christians. This can almost amount to "getting caught up" with the gift(s) you have. It is not God's intention for us to use the gifts in this way. God first and foremost, calls us to serve Him in obedience in all things. He will equip us with all the gifts we need to accomplish the tasks He has called us to do. Believe it or not, sometimes, the gift is given to accomplish a specific task and then we are endowed with other gifts for other tasks. We have to be sensitive to the leading of the Spirit.

As we think about our gifts, let us also think about the area(s) of ministry that God is calling us to serve in even as we begin this new church year. We were saved to serve (work); not saved to sit!! The call to Salvation is a call to service!



OCTOBER REMINDERS

5th	Officers' Meeting
9th	Circuit Officers' Meeting
10th	Members' Meeting
17th	Heritage Sunday
18th	National Heroes Day
17th-23rd	Heritage Week
--	JBU Zone 4 Area Eliminations (Ocho Rios Baptist)
30th	St. Mary Baptist Association Banquet (Casa Maria)

Remember your Association Fees of \$100.

October Birthdays

Icilyn Watkis	1st
Donnajeane Wesley	3rd
Jewel Sahti	7th
Archibald Henry	9th
Keithburn Hines	9th
Morris Anderson	12th
Madge Brown	17th
Maloney Witter	17th
Sean Campbell	20th
Junior Plummer	20th
Leila Smith	24th
Asbert Radway	26th

The flower for October is the Cosmos. The word *Cosmos* in Greek is translated as "orderly, beautiful and ornamental." The fragrance and vibrant colour give this birth flower meaning of peacefulness, wholeness and modesty.

OPAL is the birthstone for October.

Bro. Henry will celebrate his 101st birthday on October 9th.





Prayer supplication God intercession

Prayer is communion with God. There are so many opportunities for us to approach God—heart-to-heart and face-to-face. If Jesus could not do without prayer, and spoke so much about it to His disciples, then how can we do without it? If we are seriously earnest about following Christ, then we must make up our minds to get into a regular habit of praying.

What do we pray to God for? There are so many persons and situations that we need to talk to God about. Will you get on board and pray with us?

Pray:

- ◆ acknowledging that God is great
- ◆ confessing your sins
- ◆ for those persons who have lost loved ones and their belongings during the past week of rains
- ◆ That the members of the Savanna-lamar Baptist will continue in faith and hope though they lost their chapel
- ◆ for those who are sick
- ◆ for God to save unbelievers
- ◆ For strategic leadership from our government officials
- ◆ For unity among the believers
- ◆ as we elect officers for this year



We are sorry...

During the August issue of the newsletter, we accidentally left off the names of some of our youths with regards to where they are in terms of their schooling and academic quests. They are listed below:

Phylicia McLean St. Mary High (Grade 7)
Daniel Johnson Brimmervale High (Grade 7)

DENGUE PREVENTION TIP:

Discard used tyres, old drums, plastic containers and other items that collect rain water. These act as breeding ground for the Aedes Mosquito•



WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR NATIONAL HEROES DAY?

National Heroes Day is a celebration of our seven National Heroes - Nanny of the Maroons, Sam Sharpe, Paul Bogle, George William Gordon, Marcus Garvey, Alexander Bustamante, and Norman Manley. These persons dared to challenge the institution of colonialism and in so doing changed the course of Jamaica's history giving social and political freedom to its people.

Today, on National Heroes Day, the Governor General bestows National Honours on individuals who have made significant contributions to Jamaica's development.

Adapted from: <http://www.google.com/search?q=jamaica%27s+national+heroes&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8&q=t&ls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a>

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Breast cancer awareness month is a health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention and cure. The campaign also offers information and support to those affected by breast cancer.

As well as providing a platform for breast cancer charities to raise awareness of



their work and of the disease, the Jamaica Cancer Society uses this month as an opportunity to remind women to check their breasts for the early detection of possible breast cancer.

Support the activities of the Jamaica Cancer Society.

Remember

to pray for the sick and shut-in members of the church and in our surrounding communities. Here is a list of our sick and shut-in members:

Sis. Audrey Maxwell (Port Maria Class)
Sis. Emma Scarlette-Grant (Port Maria Class)
Sis. Inez Graham (Trinity Class)
Sis. Herma Grandison (Trinity Class)
Sis. Percess Scott (Trinity Class)
Bro. Thomas Bennett (Mason Hall Class)
Sis. Alberta Bailey (Stennett Street Class)
Bro. Jeremiah Dalhouse (Stennett Street Class)
Sis. Roslyn Walters (Stennett Street Class)
Sis. Daphne Reid (Galina Class)
Sis. Georgina Peart (Cox Street Class)
Bro. Lucan Scott (Cox Street Class)

POSTPONED

Due to the inclement weather, the induction service for the Rev. Oral Campbell had to be postponed.

As soon as a new date is decided on, this will be communicated to us all.

Thought:

Leave everything a little better than you found it.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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