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EDITORIAL: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

I do not think it is coincidental that for the month of February we celebrate both Black History Month and Valentine's Day. As people of the Black race, we have suffered many ills—and these have been recorded in the history books. The results of the batterings have caused many persons of the Black race to develop hatred for self and for our sisters and brothers. Jesus has charged us to love our neighbours as we love ourselves but if we do not love ourselves, how then can we love our brothers and sisters?

I am happy that as Black people, we are fortunate to have a whole month designated as a time to celebrate and reflect on our history. We should also use the time to educate ourselves (and others) about our history. As we learn about us and our powerful contribution to the world, this should cause us to be thankful to God Almighty for taking us this far. As we learn about who we are as a race, I pray that this knowledge will challenge us to love ourselves even beyond Valentines day.

*Dahlia Palmer,
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEATURE MARCUS MOSIAH GARVEY

UP YOU MIGHTY PEOPLE—YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH WHAT YOU WILL



Marcus Mosiah Garvey, one of the greatest leaders of this world, was born August 17, 1887 in St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica. He spent his entire life in the service of his people--African people. He was bold; he was uncompromising and he was one of the most powerful orators on record. He could literally bring his audiences to a state of mass hysteria. Garvey emphasized racial pride. His goal was nothing less that the total and complete redemption and liberation of African people around the planet. His dream was the galvanization of Black people into an unrelenting steamroller that could never be defeated.

As a young man of fourteen, Garvey left school and worked as a printer's apprentice. He participated in Jamaica's earliest nationalist organizations, travelled throughout Central America, and spent time in London, England, where he worked with the Sudanese-Egyptian nationalist Duse Mohamed Ali. In 1916 Garvey was invited by Booker T. Washington to come to the United States in the hopes of establishing an industrial training school, but arrived just after Washington died. In March 1916, shortly after landing in America, Garvey embarked upon an extended period of travel. When he finally settled down, he organized a chapter of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League. The UNIA & ACL had been formed in Jamaica in 1914. Its motto was "One God, One Aim, One Destiny," and pledged itself to the redemption of Africa and the uplift of Black people everywhere. It aimed at race pride, self-reliance and economic independence.

Adapted from: http://www.africawithin.com/garvey/garvey_bio.htm

February Birthdays

Angella Salmon	4th
Alva Jackson	9th
Lurline Israel	10th
Annette Tracey	11th
Codi-Ann Campbell	11th
Janet Corey	12th
Gwendolyn McPherson	13th
Audrey Gabbidon	19th
Noel Johnson	22nd
Jheanelle Plummer	22nd
Hazel Allen	23rd
Violet Sewell	23rd
Christine Radway	27th
Mekelia Hibbert	28th
Inez Graham	28th

PRAYER FOCUS

We must commit ourselves to praying and hoping in God.

Pray

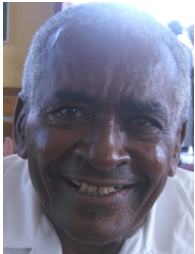
- ◆ that as a church we will live in peace and harmony with each other;
- ◆ that Haiti will recover from the devastation that has hit that country; that children separated from their parents will not be further harmed by others with ulterior motives;
- ◆ that we will be constant in prayer, never getting weary regardless of what is happening in our homes, workplaces, the wider community and the world.
- ◆ that we will make the right decisions with regards to matters of the circuit.



160th GENERAL ASSEMBLY - FEBRUARY 24 - 28, 2010

BOULEVARD BAPTIST CHURCH & NATIONAL ARENA, KINGSTON

Theme: "Being God's People in God's World - Living in Hope"



Brother Basil Keith Dixon has gone home to be with the Lord. We give God thanks for the life that he lived and for the many contributions he made to society and Jamaica. We are grateful for the many lives he has touched with his sense of humour.

We also rejoice at the service he offered within the Christian community. May his soul rest in peace.

Sis. Dixon says thanks to the Emmanuel church family, who has visited, prayed, comforted, encouraged and has expressed love in so many ways.

May we continue to provide this love and support to our sister—and to all our other brothers and sisters in the faith who have lost loved ones and are going through this period of bereavement.

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



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

As a circuit we are in preparations for receiving our new pastor. With the financial crisis upon us and seeming to be spiraling out of control, it always seems as if we are stressed and burdened to keep giving money for the activities of the church. We have proven time and time again however, that God is faithful and will keep providing for His people. We encourage you all to keep praying, to offer some of your time, skills, energy and money to help the circuit to cover expenses related to repairing the manse.

Rev. Oral Campbell

... is the minister that the circuit has called to lead us at this time. He will assume office on June 1, 2010. Please be in prayer as we all prepare for his assumption of pastoral oversight for the circuit.

Thought:

Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated.

YOUTH NEWS: Avoiding peer pressure is almost impossible. Many christian teens, experience pressure to give up some of their values but we encourage you to: **Stand up for what you believe in; read your bible and pray everyday; be confident in your faith in Christ and stay away from people and situations that will cause you to give up your values as a young Christian.**

Valentine's Dinner

The Zion Hill Baptist church presents a pre-valentines dinner on February 13, 2010. Please support this venture.

ANOTHER HISTORY FEATURE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.: (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. This Baptist preacher of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), spoke eloquently of the struggle facing blacks and the need for continued action and non-violent resistance. "I have a dream," King intoned, expressing his faith that one day whites and blacks would stand together as equals, and there would be harmony between the races: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." At its conclusion, King quoted an —old Negro spiritual: Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!" On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.



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