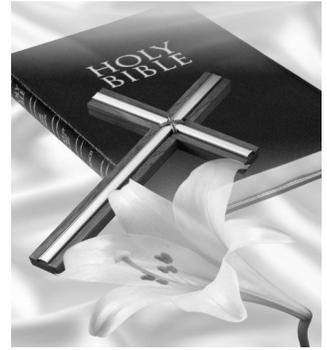


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EDITORIAL: HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOUR!

The word hallelujah is a Hebrew word meaning "Praise". It is an exclamation used mostly in praise or thanksgiving to God and as an expression of gratitude or adoration. This is the expression we seek to give to Christ today as we celebrate His resurrection power. The resurrection of Jesus highlights the greatness of Almighty God; and, the greatness of God is embedded in the essence of who Jesus is.

We worship Jesus because He is powerful—because of all the miraculous things that He has done. We thank Him for His daily provisions—He provides and satisfies our physical needs. We praise Him because He pardons us from the sins we commit; and we laud Him because He protects us from the many evils of this earth. Jesus' powerfulness, His providential care of us, His pardoning of our sins and His protective nature are just one part of who Jesus is. The essence of Jesus is also revealed in his humanness—His ability to relate to us—to understand humanity. The humanness of Jesus is revealed in the fact that He became human—he served, surrendered, and suffered in human form—and so Jesus truly understands everything human about us and that we go through.

For want of a better phrase, *the combination of Christ being divine yet human (divinely human)* when He walked this earth, helps to capture the core of who Jesus is—that of being a high priest interceding and providing for us as well as being able to understand our deepest hurts and needs—and for this we can truly say "Hallelujah, what a Saviour!!"

*Dahlia Palmer,
Chairperson, Communications*

April Birthdays

Isaac Watkis	4th
Delmina Young	7th
Alvin Sewell	12th
Myrtle Genius	16th
Adina Kidd	20th
Herma Grandison	22nd
Rachel Francis	24th
Phillip Bedward	27th
Cynthia Bryan	29th

DAISY and the **sweet pea**
are the flowers of the
month.

Diamond is the birthstone
for April.

Remember to submit your birth-
dates to Sis. Violet Sewell at the
church office, or to Sis. Alpha
Hibbert, the church secretary or to
Sis. Dahlia Palmer.

DOUBTING THOMAS

Though distrust or wavering faith is a reality for most of us, it is painful to be labelled a "doubting Thomas." We might wonder what it was like for Thomas, the disciple of Jesus who became known for his lack of faith. He simply did not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. But that is not all there is to his story.

Thomas did not doubt Jesus' resurrection out of fear. He continued to meet with the followers of Jesus in the upper room. He just happened to be absent when the risen Jesus first appeared to them. He wanted some kind of proof that his companions had not just been seeing things. Thomas was given the undeniable evidence that he asked for when Jesus appeared a second time. This permanently dispelled his doubts.

We also have evidence for the resurrection; we can experience God's transforming power in our lives. We can overcome our troubling doubts as we continue to trust God to show His power in our lives. When Thomas overcame his doubts, he set out on a ministry that exhibited extraordinary faith. As we experience God's deliverance, it should also motivate us to minister to others. Doubt can lead to deeper faith in Christ if we honest admit the doubt and seek God for who He is.

Thomas believed because he saw the resurrected Jesus; but blessed are you who haven't seen Jesus and believe anyway (John 20:29).

Adapted from the New Living Translation version of the Bible

Reminder

The JBU Camps Ministry needs
Camp Counsellors and
Nurses for the 2010 camps.

Training and orientation ses-
sions will take place on **Satur-
day, April 10** and **May 8,
2010** at the **Ocho Rios Bap-
tist Church**.

If you are interested, please
contact the church's office or
contact the JBU Office.

Prayer Focus

Pray that:

- ◆ our lives will daily reflect the love of Christ in all we do and say;
- ◆ we will deepen our walk with, and understanding of God as we daily read His Word;
- ◆ our government will make sound decisions for the good of the country;
- ◆ our brothers and sisters in Haiti will continue to cope with the challenges of living with the after-effects of the earthquake disaster;
- ◆ we will always be in constant prayer for those who do not know Christ—here in Jamaica and the wider world.



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

Thought:

BE KINDER THAN IS NECESSARY!

**Jesus' Resurrection
Essential to the Christian Faith**

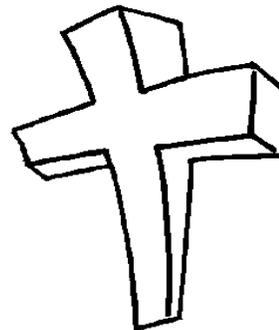
Jesus' resurrection from the dead is as essential to the Christian faith as His death upon the cross. Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians *"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures "* (1 Corinthians 15:3-4 - NIV). Paul emphasized the importance of the resurrection with his statement *"And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised "* (1 Corinthians 15:14-15).

<http://www.allaboutjesuschrist.org/jesus-resurrection.htm>

Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R
 N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
 A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
 S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S
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APOSTLES
 CHRIST
 CROSS
 CROWN
 CRUCIFIXION
 HOLY
 JESUS
 KING
 LAMB
 LOVE



MARY
 REDEMPTION
 RESURRECTION
 RISEN
 ROMANS
 ROOSTER
 SACRIFICE
 SALVATION
 SAVIOR
 THORNS

***Jesus was crucified.
 He died. He was buried.
 And he rose again.
 The resurrection is an essential part
 of Christianity. There is no Christianity
 without the resurrection***

Always look for opportunities to make people feel important.

Did you know that

.... this week marks the three year anniversary of the first baptism at the Galina Church?

On April 8, 2007, three persons were baptized on the grounds of the Galina Baptist Church. The pool used for baptism on that day was formerly the area used for a bar. Please continue in prayer that this area will always be a landmark reflecting God's goodness and glory; as well pray for the persons who were baptized on that historic day.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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