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EDITORIAL: TRUTH AND HONESTY

In dialoguing with a colleague with regards to the Prime Minister’s revelation that he sanctioned a US\$50,000 deal with a US-based law firm to negotiate a controversial extradition matter, my colleague mentioned that “*all Jamaica needs is five honest men to save this country from destruction.*” I have since discovered that Jamaica needs less than five honest men (and man here is not exclusive to male-man but to all humans). In Jeremiah 5:16, the Lord said “*if you can find even ONE person who is just and honest, I will not destroy the city.*”

It is a great honour to be called just and honest. Truth is about declaring everything whether it makes us look good or bad. Being dishonest and untruthful relate to what is said and what is left unsaid which in turn mislead others away from the truth. Being truthful and honest with ourselves, with others and with God is one of the many gateways for our spiritual growth and development and ultimately will build the foundation of a righteous nation. Will YOU be that ONE honest person that God is looking for?

Dahlia Palmer
Chairperson, Communications

Family month feature:

This year we feature persons who have been members for over 30 years!!

**Gwendolyn
McPherson**

Sister Gwendolyn McPherson became a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in 1959—that was 51 years ago. She was baptized by the late Rev. Spurgeon Smith. During the 1960’s Sister McPherson recalls that she did not miss the 4:00 o’clock Sunday evening meetings for spiritual growth and development. These meetings were held by Rev. Smith and according these meetings had played a significant role in her Christian development. To this, Sis McPherson says “*they impacted my life and cemented my commitment to Christ.*”

Sis. McPherson remembered that she was very involved in the Women's federation, prayer meetings and preparation of the communion emblems among other church related ministries. She strongly believes in the power of prayer and was often referred to as a prayer warrior. For over 30 years, she conducted fasting services in her community every Wednesday. Our sister is not as active as she was in previous years but still attends Sunday morning worship services on a regular basis. Her advice to Christians is to trust God for everything and remain committed to prayer.

Sis. McPherson has worked with six ministers over the years. She has found each one to have different gifts. She believes that each member has his/her role to play in building the Kingdom of God.



MAY REMINDERS

- 18th Anniversary of establishment of Emmanuel
- 23rd Pentecost Sunday
- 26th Labour day
- 30th Trinity Sunday

Family Month Activities

- 16th Journey of a Marriage for over 50 years
- 22nd Evening of Expression with the children
- 23rd Singleness: Its joy and sadness
- 25th “Talk up di tings Man”
- 28th Your issues live and living
- 29th Evening of Fun, Food and Fellowship
- 30th “Down Memory Lane” with our seniors

Remember ...

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

May Birthdays

Lurline Edwards	1st
Karlane McLean	5th
Daphne Lewis	9th
Michael Jackson	11th
Joycelyn Barnett	15th
Shanae Campbell	16th
Olivene McPherson	17th
Verona Porter	17th
Vivene Irvin	18th
Jovan Thompson	19th
Valrie Johnson	20th
Pauline Smith	22nd
Pearline Harriot	24th
Margaret McFarquhar	24th
Ena Bucknor	26th
Gwendolyn Robinson	28th
Lucan Scott	28th
Carol Levers	29th
Louise Plummer	30th
Jevan Radway	31st

May God's blessing be yours on your special day.

The Saint Mary Baptist Association Youth Arm (SMBAYA)

The annual retreat for the SMBAYA will be held at Cloysters, St. Ann. Five youths from the church will be in attendance. Please be in prayer for the retreat and for our representatives, that the Lord will use this gathering to speak to and through them. The young persons who will attend are Carlet Rhoden, Tanesha Holness, Shamar Brown, Shanique McEachron and Shanice McEachron.

INGREDIENTS FOR FAMILY LIFE

Three things to have in the home:
LIFE, LOVE, LAUGHTER

We welcome your ideas and suggestions

Please e-mail us at
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Thought: Evaluate yourself by your own standards and not by someone else's.

THIS CALLED ... MARRIAGE!

Marriage! What do people say about marriage?

- Arabian: It is better for a woman to marry a man who loves her more than the man she loves.
- Czech: Do not choose your wife at a dance, but in the field among the harvesters.
- Dutch: To marry once is a duty, twice a folly and thrice is madness.
- Danish: A deaf husband and blind wife is always a happy couple.
- French: Love is the dawn of the marriage and marriage is the sunset of love.
- German: Weeping bride, laughing wife; laughing bride, weeping husband.
- Polish: The woman cries before the wedding, the man after wards.



It is said, "*Marriages are made in heaven.*" Love, romance, togetherness, partnership, happiness, pride, pain, understanding, mutuality, crises, conflicts, trust, angels, devils and life are terms from one word 'Marriage'. It is very difficult to decide to put marriage as – luck or bad luck. But someone declared that "*Marriage is a mistake every man should make.*"

Here are some things to consider (and reconsider) as you prepare for marriage or as you seek to renew your marriage vows:

- ◆ Promise and commitment are the heartbeats of living married life
- ◆ Marriage is a partnership. In every situation, try to fit your foot in your partner's shoes
- ◆ Good marriage allows for change and growth in individuals and in the way they express their love

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Find and circle all of the Food Group items that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

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