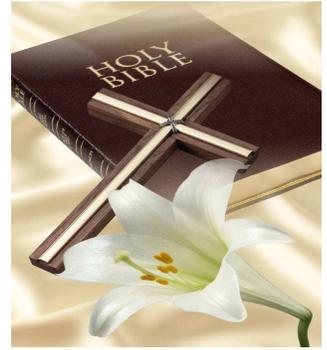


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## EDITORIAL: BLESSED IS HE ... OR SHE, WHO BELIEVES IN THE TRINITY

On the Christian calendar, today (*the Sunday after Pentecost*) is celebrated as Trinity Sunday.

God has revealed Himself to mankind as a Godhead, i.e., one God (Deuteronomy 6:4), yet in three distinct Persons. As a math individual, this concept clearly makes no sense, for how can three singles be equal to one (*especially when we are not dealing with fractions*)? In the field of accounts where the “scales” must balance, the ‘debits’ do not equal the ‘credits’ (*if the Three are equal, there will either be two debits and one credit or one debit and two credits –something is definitely missing!*). From the scientific deductive perspective, it is just not logical. Hear the deduction: God is Father; Jesus is Son and the Holy Spirit is Comforter—therefore the three are one. Totally illogical!

If you are one of those persons for whom things of life must follow a logical sequence, then it may be difficult to understand the mystery of the Trinity since Trinity Sunday does not speak to an event which we can logically read about or visualize. Rather, Trinity Sunday is about a doctrine—a doctrine that helps to cement our faith experiences because it forces us to probe the depth of who God is and should ultimately help our understanding of God and the Godhead.

The three in one mystery depends entirely on our faith!! No math or science terms can give credible explanations of the Trinity; only our varied faith experiences can do so. If you can extend your faith to believe this mystery—blessed are ye (*he or she*)!

Dahlia Palmer  
Chairperson, Communications

### MAY REMINDER

30th Trinity  
Sunday

### Family Month Activity

30th “Down Memory  
Lane” with our  
seniors

**Family month feature:** This year we feature persons who have been members for over 30 years!!

**Violet  
Sewell**

Sister Violet Sewell has been attending the Emmanuel Baptist Church since 1965—that is for the past 45 years. She was baptized by the Rev. Spurgeon Smith. Sister Sewell recalls that Rev. Smith loved young people and really made the effort to spend time with the then youths of the church. So involved was Spurgeon Smith with the youths that Sister Sewell suspected that there may have been a “tinge of jealousy” among some of the older members then. Sister Sewell also noted that Rev. Stokes was another minister who worked assiduously with the young people of the church and helped in grooming quite a bit of young persons, some of whom today are ministers of religion in various denominations and in different parts of the island (e.g. Jeffrey McKenzie, Boris Malcolm, Everal Allen, Luke Shaw, to name a few).

Sister Sewell recalls that she was very involved in youth fellowship. “As young people, we used to visit each church within the circuit for VBS and other activities. We would take the early bus into the church area and then walk back to Port Maria from Hampstead, Oxford or Islington. The fellowship among the young people was good. Each year we went to camp. At least two buses took us to camp each year—one bus with the luggage and the other with the young people. We entered the youth rally each year. Sister Edna Bryan would practice us for the choir pieces. Each year, the Port Maria circuit would win at the rally. It was truly a tremendous group of us young people.” Sister Sewell was actively involved in the Women’s Federation where she served as president and represented the church as delegate at the federation conferences. She was also assistant secretary in the Women’s Federation. In 1981, Sister Sewell went to England and lived there for approximately 11 years but she never lost her love for Emmanuel and returned in 1992.

In ending her reflection, Sister Sewell indicated that what she misses most compared to now is the sense of security that she experienced (e.g. being able to walk from one church to the other without fear). She closed the interview by highlighting the love and fellowship that she experienced as a youth at the Emmanuel Baptist Church.



### JBU CAMPS 2010

Junior	July 5-10	9-12 years
Intermediate I	July 12-17	13-14 years
Intermediate II	July 26-31	15-16 years
Youth 1	August 2-7	17-20 years

Venue: Nutshell Conference Centre  
 Cost: \$6,100 per camper (this includes accommodation, all meals and camp materials).



Registration closes **JUNE 4, 2010**. Please submit your names as soon as possible.

### Bible Word Search: Names of God

D A Y S T A R T  
 R O S U S E J H  
 O Y G I A H A E  
 W W E F A V G L  
 S H A L O M E A  
 A L P H A N M S  
 D N E E H T O T  
 H J R O I V A S

Alpha,  
 Daystar,  
 I AM,  
 Jehovah,  
 Jesus,  
 Omega,  
 Savior,  
 Shalom,  
 Son of God,  
 The End,  
 The Last,  
 Word

**Thought: *Read carefully anything that requires your signature. Remember the big print giveth and the small print taketh away!***

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Our senior citizens do not get the treatment that they should. They have spent many years on this earth and yet they receive little or no respect. The elderly are sometimes



seen as a burden on society but they are not. Seniors know and understand the world better than younger persons and we should value this in them and try to learn from them. In other societies, the elderly are honoured and respected because in those societies, they realize that senior citizens are wise and so they treat them like royalty.



Here at Emmanuel, we have several senior citizens as members but how much do you know about them? Their needs? What they did in their childhood days? Or the type of jobs they had? About five years ago, we engaged in an "adopt-a-grandparent" relationship here at Emmanuel. I think it is time for us to re-visit this relationship since many of the "grandparents" who were adopted have passed on and too, the young persons who had adopted them are located in different areas. Furthermore, as Christians, we have a God-given responsibility to treat our seniors with great respect and care. In Proverbs 23:22, Solomon exhorts his son to "*harken to your Father who begot you and do not despise your mother when she is old*" and in 1 Timothy 5:1-2 it says "*Never speak harshly to an elderly man but do so with respect; likewise, treat the older women as you would your mother.*" Let us remember that growing old is not a disease; it is a privilege allowed by God and an opportunity to be useful and productive a little longer in the service of our community and of our God. Let us treat our seniors with respect, care and love.

### 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
<b>Louise Plummer</b>	<b>30th</b>
Jevan Radway	31st

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

### Remember ....

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

**In memory:** June 2, 2010 will mark one year since Rev. Henry Mignott passed away. Please remember his wife Paulette and daughter Paula during this period. Please also remember to pray for the Oracabessa circuit as they too deal with the loss of their pastor and friend.



We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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