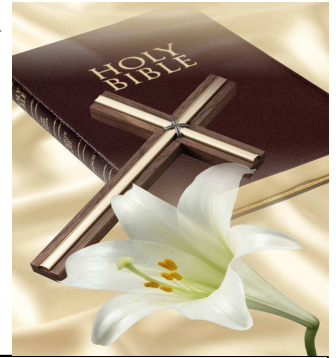


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**EDITORIAL: BE A GRAND GRANDPARENT**

We read in the Bible how Timothy was provided with a strong spiritual foundation from his family. One important member of Timothy's family who was integral in his spiritual upbringing was his grandmother, Lois. Like Timothy's grandmother, grandparents can play a significant role by sharing wisdom and experiences, shaping of lives, providing support and engendering a sense of stability in the lives of young children.

There is a need for grandparents to, in a loving way, pass on wisdom and experiences to their grandchildren so that the children can make informed decisions. In addition, in passing on wisdom, the children will learn to appreciate the lives of their grandparents and learn valuable lessons. Grandparents can help in shaping the lives of their grandchildren by helping to instill values, and morals to them particularly because we live in a society filled with countless devices that seek to destroy our children physically, morally, *(continued overleaf)* and spiritually. Grandparents should, where possible provide support es-

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Circuit Convention will be on **June 12, 2011** at Emmanuel.

Harvest Supper - **Friday, July 15, 2011**

The Emmanuel Baptist Church invites you to share in our

**Harvest Supper**  
 and  
**Karaoke & Masquerade Show**

**DATE: JULY 15, 2011**

Time: 5:00 p.m. until ..... (food)  
 7:00 p.m. (entertainment)

Venue: The Emmanuel Church Ground

Cost:  
 Adults: \$900  
 Children: \$300

Menu: Barbecue/jerk chicken, escoveitch fish, curried goat, rice & peas, roti, festival, salad, cake and juice  
 Prizes and Surprises! Come for the food ... stay for the fun!

**Family Feature** month

This month we feature some of the single members within our congregation.



**TANIA JOHNSON**

There are time when I enjoy being single, but there are times when I do not enjoy it. I enjoy it because I can just get up and go out; I can be spontaneous. Being independent is

also enjoyable. However, I especially do not enjoy being single when I have things to share that are dear to me and not have that "special" person to share them with.

Being a single mother is very challenging. There are times when I yearn for support. I continually ask God for help, and rely on Him for His guidance. I sometimes ask experienced single mothers how they cope with particular problems.

To my knowledge, there are no programmes at church that target singles (until this May and June). These should be ongoing in order to cater to the needs of singles.

I do not plan to remain single all my life, I intend to get married some day. Though being single is not always easy, we should not be in a hurry to get a companion. We need to learn to be independent and to enjoy our own company before we take on a partner.



**May Birthdays**

- Lurline Edwards 1st
- Karlane McLean 5th
- Daphne Lewis 9th
- Joycelyn Barnett 15th
- Shanae Campbell 16th
- Olivene McPherson 17th
- Verona Porter 17th
- Vivene Irvin 18th
- Jovan Thompson 19th
- Valrie Johnson 20th
- Pauline Smith 22nd**
- Margaret McFarquhar 24th
- Gwendolyn Robinson 28th
- Lucan Scott 28th
- Carol Levers 29th
- Louise Plummer 30th

**LILY** is the flower of the month, which means "a return to happiness and humility."

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pecially in single parent families or where both parents are employed far distances from the home. As grandparents share, shape and support this only engenders a sense of stability within the lives of the grandchildren—a feeling that is seemingly lacking in many children today.

Grandparents should resolve to spend quality time with their grandchildren because this will help to mould the lives of the grandchildren and help them become all that God wants them to be.

This is what makes grandparents GRAND!

*Dahlia Palmer, Chairperson,  
Communications Committee*

**Thought:**  
**All the special effects in the world should not make you compromise your standards about what you endorse.**

## LESSONS FROM LIFE:

Have you ever had to battle to get the attention of a young child when you decide to reprimand him or her? It is difficult sometimes because often the child may totally dismiss your attempts to teach a lesson about life by focussing on something else that is of far more interest. At those times, you may feel frustrated—as if you are talking to yourself or an inanimate object. And you may feel like giving up. God perhaps experience some of these frustrations when He tries to teach us lessons from life—we read and hear about his teachings and promises, but, like the little children, we get distracted by other things. Thankfully, God always stays with us and continues to work at getting our attention so that He can lead us along the right pathway. Thankfully, He will never give up on us. He continuously and patiently work with us to get our attention on Him and on His word.

### TO SPANK OR NOT TO SPANK (Distinguishing Spanking from Abuse)

There are many arguments that have been put forward with regards to whether or not a child should be spanked for doing wrong. Child development experts believe that spanking should be used mainly as a backup to primary measures such as disapproval, time-out and restriction of privileges. They also argue that spanking is most useful with toddlers and pre-schoolers from 2-6 years, when reasoning is not persuasive.

There are at least four clear distinctions between spanking and physical abuse.

The Act:	Spanking involves one or two spanks on the buttocks Physical abuse involves severe beating, kicking and punching
The Intent:	Spanking is used to correct problem behaviour (i.e. for training) Physical abuse is used to injure or abuse (violence)
The Attitude:	Spanking is done with love and concern for the child's behaviour Physical abuse is done in anger and malice
The Effects:	Spanking [should] result in proper behaviour Physical abuse results in emotional and physical injury

Parents, guardians and caregivers should understand that whatever punishment method is chosen, if it is used inappropriately and in anger, it will distort a child's perception of justice and can also affect his/her emotional development.

### Connect

As Christians, we must make every effort to stay connected with the Lord. Throughout His busy ministry, Jesus remained connected with His Father.

He would, from time-to-time, slip away to a quiet place and “tap” into His Father's resources. During this time, He would pray and consult with His

### Consult

Father. As He prayed and meditated, He would also consider the will of His Father.

### CONSIDER

Just as Jesus communicated with His Father,

### Communicate

we too should take the time to communicate openly with God about life.

**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  
Bro. Thomas Bennett  
Sis. Athelia Williams  
Sis. Adassa Reddie

Sis. Inez Graham  
Sis. Roslyn Walters  
Sis. Daphne Lewis  
Bro. Archibald Henry

Sis. Emma Scarlett-Grant  
Bro. Lucan Scott  
Bro. Jeremiah Dalhouse

Sis. Percess Scott  
Sis. Daphne Reid  
Sis. Georgina Peart