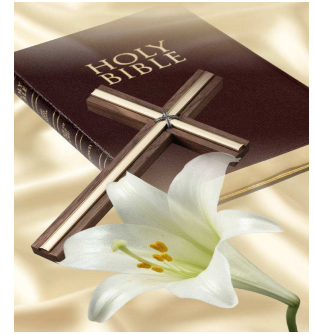


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EDITORIAL: ON BEING PREPARED

Each year, we are reminded that the hurricane season begins on June 1 and we are often given tips about how we should prepare for such a disaster. As important as it is to be prepared for the hurricanes, there is a greater event that we should be preparing for—to meet God.

In preparing for a hurricane, the experts advice us what to do (e.g. have adequate storage of water, buy batteries for flashlights and radios among other things). God, through His Word, tells us how to prepare to meet Him. We simply must accept His gift of salvation and live a life that reflects Christ. God also tells us how to prepare for the enemy (satan) after we become Christians. The Bible tells us to *put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Eph 6:11)*.

In many respects, preparing for the hurricane season and preparing to meet God are similar but there is one distinct difference—we hear about preparing for hurricanes usually just 3-4 weeks (and sometimes less) prior to the hurricane season. God however, tells us to be in preparation mode at all times. He says be prepared because the “Son of man will come like a thief in the night”; we are told to be constant in prayer—to pray without ceasing; we are charged to be ready—in season and out of season.

May our hearts, words and deeds reflect our preparation to meet God.

*Dahlia Palmer, Chairperson
 Communications Committee*

JUNE REMINDERS

- 5th Ascension Sunday
- 5th Disaster Awareness Sunday
- 6th Caribbean Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 12th Circuit Convention
- 12th Day of Pentecost
- 12th BWA Youth World Day of Prayer
- 12-19th Men's Week
- 19th Fathers' Day
- 19th Trinity Sunday
- 26th Exchange of Pulpit
- 26th Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Sunday

UPCOMING EVENT

Harvest Supper - Friday, July 15, 2011



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

Sherlette and Rupert Whilby

Sherlette and Rupert got married in 1977—that was 34 years ago.

We got married because we were in love with each other and the truth is, “*he wooed me off my feet.*” We went out a lot—going to the movies and to beach parties. We had fun with each other and in each other’s company.



Our marriage has had ups and down but the key thing is to sit and talk. We share with each other and try to understand each other. Love must be a key ingredient in the marriage. The best part of our marriage is the companionship we share as well as the five children that the union has produced. This has really been rewarding.

Advice to other married persons is this “*Teet and tongue will meet but you must know how to work it. Don’t let the sun go down on your wrath. Don’t hold malice with each other.*”

June Birthdays

- Pauline Hamilton 5th
- Leanord Bucknor 9th
- Micol Israel 9th
- Marilyn Melvin 11th
- Veronica Allen 13th
- Daphne Reid 17th
- Icilda Slyfield 20th
- Rachel Thomas 21st
- Pauline Brown 24th
- Leroy Corey 25th
- Gareth Irvin 25th
- Joslyn Spence 28th
- Beverly Peddlar 29th

Overseas:

- Karlene Wedderburn 20th
- Nicola Nagheer 26th

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Disaster Awareness Sunday

June 1, marked the start of the 2011 Hurricane Season. The Jamaica Baptist Union Mission Agency (JBUMA), through its Disaster Awareness and Emergency Response (DAER) Committee, has prepared a booklet entitled, "**Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Planning.**" (A copy of the book is available online at the church's website). You are being encouraged to read this booklet for tips and ideas about how prepare for and keep safe, during and after a hurricane.

The JBUMA also encourages us to pray that God will bless Jamaica, the Caribbean and the rest of the World, of any disaster, while at the same time ask us to do everything we can do to make ourselves well prepared.

"Be prepared ... in season and out of season"



The first Sunday in June marks one year since Rev. Oral Campbell assumed pastoral oversight within the circuit. Rev. Campbell shares some of his thoughts about being at Emmanuel.

Rev. Campbell's impressions of Emmanuel is that it is a church with a lot of potentials. He notes that "*There is a lot that Emmanuel can do and needs to do.*" He continued by saying "*I have also discovered that there are a lot of people in Emmanuel who are hungry to do things and they are just waiting for the opportunity.*" This revelation has come about based on one-to-one interactions with members who have from time-to-time, shared with him in different contexts. "*This is encouraging to me that people want to serve.*" As it relates to challenges relating to Emmanuel, the major one "*is getting persons to see that they can be a part of the ministry of the church.*" He revealed that some people do not believe they can do as much as they really can but he is prepared to work with them in this regard. Rev. Campbell shared that his most rewarding time within Emmanuel has to do with Bible study— "*just seeing it growing weekly, to the point that I am fearful of missing out a week because it may set back things.*" This has also been rewarding too because "*the prayer ministry came up out of the Bible Study.*"

Rev. Campbell expresses that he is "*looking forward to many, many years of ministry within the church. I have some ideas I would really like us to explore as a church [and as a circuit] ... There is a lot that we can do and I am not only looking forward to sharing my ideas but looking forward to hearing from the church [and the circuit], what are some of the ideas and ministries they would like to be engaged in.*"

(Next week's issue of the newsletter will feature excerpts of an interview with Rev. Campbell and his feelings about the circuit and sharing in the life of the circuit.)

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
Sis. Inez Graham
Sis. Emma Scarlett-Grant
Sis. Percuss Scott
Bro. Thomas Bennett
Sis. Roslyn Walters
Bro. Lucan Scott
Sis. Daphne Reid
Sis. Athelia Williams
Sis. Daphne Lewis
Bro. Jeremiah Dalhouse
Sis. Georgina Peart

**BAPTIST
WORLD ALLIANCE**

BWA Youth World Day of Prayer will be observed on June 12, 2011. This is an annual event held on the second Sunday in June. Young people around the world are encouraged to plan programmes reflecting the importance of prayer and to intercede on behalf of others. It is a time to celebrate the unity we share as believers in Jesus Christ and to seek a deeper relationship with Christ. It is also a time to contribute to our annual Prayer Offering. This offering is used to assist with mission projects involving young people around the world. **The 2011 theme is: Deeper Justice from Jesus**



Volunteers and contributions are needed to assist with VBS in July 2011. If you are interested in assisting, Please talk with Sis. Maureen Cunningham.

Jamaica Baptist Union Youth Department presents

Summer Camps 2011

Theme: 'Hope To Di World!'

Don't be a drone, get in the zone and sign up today for camp like you've never experienced before!

Intermediate Camp 1 Who: Ages: 13 & 14 yrs When: July 11 - 16	Intermediate Camp 2 Who: Ages: 15 & 16 yrs When: July 18 - 23
Junior Camp Who: Ages: 9 - 12 yrs When: July 25 - 30	Youth Camp Who: Ages: 17 - 20 yrs When: August 1 - 6