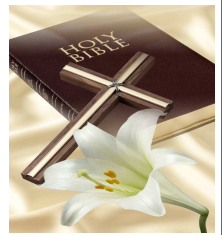


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## EDITORIAL: HOORAY FOR FATHERS

Much has been said and written about Jamaican fathers' delinquency. Despite much of it being overstated, some had the semblance of truth. However, a newspaper article dated June 2010 paid tribute to Jamaican fathers, declaring that we are more responsible than most people believe. Today, I pay tribute to all fathers and encourage you to live up to the name you bear.

- F** - Faithful—Be faithful to God and your family
- A** - Available—Make yourself available to your family. Don't use the excuse of work to deny the family of your presence
- T** - Teachable—Always be willing to learn. There is much to learn from children and your family. You are not a reservoir of all knowledge.
- H** - Humility—This is key. If you are not loveable, you are not teachable. Humility is a choice.
- E** - Example—Set an example in your home. As a leader, your example is important. You are being watched.
- R** - Respect—Show respect to all persons. Live and speak it.

Remember, our young ones are watching.  
Have a **Happy Father's Day**.

Rev. Ainsley Davis

You are invited to attend the school leaving exercise of the **Emmanuel Baptist Basic School on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at 11:00 a.m.** here at the church.



## JUNE REMINDERS

- 12th Circuit Convention
- 12th Day of Pentecost
- 12th BWA Youth World Day of Prayer
- 12-19th Men's Week
- 19th Fathers' Day
- 19th Fathers' Day Concert
- 19th Trinity Sunday
- 26th Exchange of Pulpit
- 26th Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Sunday

## UPCOMING EVENT

Harvest Supper: Friday July 15, 2011. Tickets are now on sale!



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



### Janet and Leroy Corey

We both lived in Westport, Portmore (St. Catherine). He lived downstairs and she lived upstairs. Although she lived upstairs, she had a garden which she would tend to—downstairs. On one of these occasions as she tended the garden, he looked through his window, saw her in the garden and said to her *"you are a beautiful rose."* Thus begun the friendship between Leroy and Janet. After two years of courtship, Mr. Corey proposed and they got married in 1980, on the 29th day of November - 30 years ago.

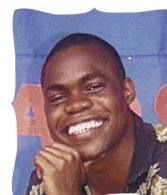
Our marriage has been a happy one— *"married life has been good"* says Mr. Corey. And yes, there have been and there still are challenges but through our love for each other and prayers, we have learnt to deal with these challenges.

Our union produced one child—our son, Marlon. We were very excited about having this child. After the birth of our son, we shared the responsibilities in caring for him. This has been one of the most rewarding moments of our marriage.

Mrs. Corey describes Mr. Corey as *"a person who is jovial, honest, loving and caring."* She recounted an incident that demonstrated his love and care for her. At one point during their marriage, Mrs. Corey was hospitalized. She highlighted that *"he came and visited with me every single day. He would leave work, go home and then come to visit me at the hospital. At that time, we lived in Harbour View and he would travel to the University Hospital of the West Indies—that long distance just to visit me. This just highlighted how much he cared."*

We relocated from Kingston to live in St. Mary—the parish of Mr. Corey's birth. We gave up everything we had in Kingston. *"I did not mind this move,"* says Mrs. Corey. According to Mr. Corey, *"when we decided to come to the country to live, someone said that she would never want to live 'in a bush' but that person was proven wrong because it is now 17 years since we have been here and she is loving it."*

We are satisfied with each other. God continues to bless us in our marriage as we stand upon His promises.



The Corey's son - Marlon

## 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	26th
Beverly Peddlar	26th

## Overseas:

Karlene Wedderburn	20th
Nicola Nagheer	26th

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### Fathers who live outside of the home

Research on the impact of fathers suggests that the influence of a father's love on his child's development is as great as the influence of a mother's love. Fatherly love helps the child develop a sense of his/her place in the world, which helps his/her social, emotional and cognitive development and functioning. Moreover, a child who receives more love from his/her father is less likely to struggle with behavioral or substance abuse problems. Notwithstanding all of this information, the reality is that within many homes, for one reason or another, the father does not live with the mother and child.

The status of the father's relationship with his child's mother serves an important influence on father involvement. A father who does not live at home, is at high risk for becoming disconnected from his child/ren over time. Lacking a minimally close relationship with the child is likely to result in lower levels of paternal engagement of the child. A father may live away from home for several reasons e.g. divorce, work-related issues, serving prison sentence, or enrollment in police/military services. When this happens, it is often difficult - if not impossible - for the father to maintain the same type of parenting role with his biological child/ren, as would a father who lives in the home. This is due to the reduction in time spent with the child/ren. In other instances, the mother may make it even more difficult for the father to be integrally involved in the life of his child/ren because some mothers deliberately prevent the father from visiting in an effort to "spite" the father. This too, greatly affects the full involvement of the father in the life of his child.

However, although visiting the home regularly is of critical importance to the child, frequency of visit between father and child is not as high in value as the quality of the visits. The quality of the visits contributes to the child's well-being. So, to those fathers who, for one reason or another, do not live with their child/ren, you are encouraged to make the effort to contribute to your child/ren's health and well-being by maintaining a healthy relationship with the other parent even in cases of divorce; providing emotional and financial support, appropriate monitoring and discipline; and most importantly remaining a permanent and loving presence in their lives.

Adapted:

<http://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/changing-father.aspx>

### Thought:

**Any man can father a child but it takes someone special to be a dad**

*Anne Geddes*

## THE ROLE OF THE MALE-MAN IN THE HOME

The male man has several roles that he must undertake within his home setting. Here are a few of these roles:

The role of man as husband: As husband ...

- He is to leave father and mother (Matt. 19:5-6).
- He is to cleave to his wife (Matt. 19:5-6).
- He is to be head of his wife (Eph. 5:23).
- He is to honor his wife (1 Pet. 3:7)
- He is to dwell with his wife with understanding (1 Pet. 3:7).
- He is to provide for the needs of his wife:- physical, sexual, emotional, intellectual & spiritual needs.
- He is to truly love his wife

The role of man as father: As father ...

- He is to provide for their physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs
- He is to love them unconditionally
- He is to teach
- He is to discipline and correct them
- He is to be the spiritual leader in the home (Eph. 5:23; 6:4).

*Rev. Oral Campbell*

### A Father's Beatitudes

- Blessed is the man that receives the Heavenly Father as Lord of his Life.
- Blessed is the father that will lay down his life for his wife and children.
- Blessed is the father that offers to wash the dishes and tend to the baby, so mother can have a break, even after his long day at work.
- Blessed is the father that can attentively and patiently listen when he gets home, to crying children, and an exhausted and frustrated wife. Then be able with a smile, to offer comforting and soothing words, regardless of his feelings and frustrations.
- Blessed is the father that takes the time to read the Bible to his children and pray with them, teaching them to receive his Heavenly Father as their Lord.
- Blessed is the father that disciplines his children with love, making sure his life is a loving example of his Heavenly Father.
- Blessed is the father that can patiently listen to his teenagers, when they are telling him that he is too old and doesn't understand today's world.
- Blessed is the father that spends late nights and lonely hours in intercessory prayer for his wife and family, so he will be able to allow his Heavenly Father's love, patience, longsuffering, meekness, temperance, forbearance and forgiveness, to be seen and expressed in demanding and opportune moments.
- Blessed is the father that is able to praise the Lord while the house has run amuck, mending his families hurts, frustrations, disciplining, and handling financial disruption, all the while, knowing the right words to say in love.
- Blessed is the father that teaches and leads his family into becoming a Family of God.
- Blessed is this humbled father, this unselfish man, who lovingly leads this home, as it has been taught to him by the Heavenly father, through His son Jesus Christ!

Amen

-- written by Rev. Joseph C. Miller, 1997