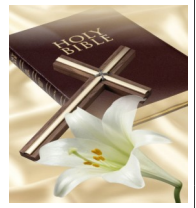


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EDITORIAL: FAMILY—GOD’S MASTERPIECE

Since the beginning of May, through the sermons, selected hymns, planned activities, the articles and special features in the newsletters, we have focused on different areas/aspects of family life, with the hope that we will seek to enhance, in some small way, our individual family life as God intended the family to operate.

There are many lessons that we have learnt and there are still many more lessons for us to learn about living with and within our families. One truth we should cling to is that we all belong to a family. Through physical birth, we were born into an earthly family. Christ Himself was born in the context of a family where He grew in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We may not consider our family as the ideal one, but our family members are God’s gift to us, to help in shaping and fashioning us into what God wants us to be.

As we reflect on the lessons and truths about God’s purpose for families—for each type of family—I pray that we will truly understand that family is valuable to God and each family—including yours—is a masterpiece of God’s creation.

Dahlia Palmer, Chairperson
Communications Committee

JUNE REMINDERS

- 26th Exchange of Pulpit
- 26th Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 9 St. Mary Baptist Association Fun Day at the Mango Valley Community Centre
- July 12 Harvest Thanksgiving Service
- July 15 Harvest Supper on the church grounds **Friday July 15, 2011. Tickets are now on sale!**



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

June Birthdays

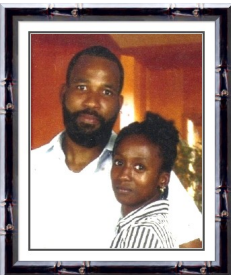
Pauline Hamilton	5th
Leanord Bucknor	9th
Micol Israel	9th
Marilyn Melvin	11th
Veronica Allen	13th
Daphne Reid	17th
Icilda Slyfield	20th
Rachel Thomas	21st
Pauline Brown	24th
Leroy Corey	25th
Gareth Irvin	25th
Joslyn Spence	26th
Beverly Peddlar	26th

Overseas:

Karlene Wedderburn	20th
Nicola Nagheer	26th

UPCOMING NEWSLETTER FEATURE

Beginning in the new church year (i.e. October 2011), the newsletter will feature the wedding anniversary dates of members. Please submit this information in writing at the church’s office or to Sis. Dahlia Palmer. You can also submit photos of you and your spouse.



Winsome and Gregory James

In explaining how they met, Winsome indicated that she met Gregory in 1996 when he came from Kingston to visit his Aunt in St. Mary. *“I invited him to Youth Fellowship and Gregory came and enjoyed our fellowship. From thereon, the rest is history.”* We got married on June 25, 2005. This month we will celebrate our 6th wedding anniversary. Prior to our wedding, we got counselling from Rev. Lalor. In counselling we learnt about making a budget and how to spend wisely.

We had a mock budget ruled up for this particular session and up until now, we are still using this budget.

One of the rewarding things from our marriage is the birth of our first child, who was born on November 21, 2008. We do have difficulties in our marriage but we try to at all times pray about the situation/problem we are having. *“What I admire most about Winsome is that she is supportive, beautiful, understanding and most of all she is kind.”* And what does Winsome admire in Gregory? *“What I admire about Gregory is that he is patient, loving, a disciplinarian, always punctual and he is a very good cook and home-keeper. I am the one to always try to have an argument in the house but his reply to me is ‘you have a problem? Take it to the Lord in prayer.’ Gregory always remind me of this thought ‘To the world you are one person but to one person you are the world.’ This thought makes me feel extra special.”* Our advice to persons in relationship leading up to marriage is that they should try to be trustworthy, caring, patient and most of all be understanding.

Today is the final Sunday of our **Family Month Feature** for 2011. The Communications Committee wishes to thank all the single and married members who shared parts of their lives with us each week during the months of May and June. As is usual, we were unable to feature all the persons in these categories. We trust that members and visitors were enlightened and enriched by the weekly features.



You are invited to attend and share in the school leaving exercise of the

Emmanuel Baptist Basic School on **Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at 11:00 a.m.** here at the church.

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The service of thanksgiving for the life of Sis. Dothnie Lewis (Sis Daphne) will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2011 at Gurney's Mount, Hanover at 1:00 p.m. Please be in prayer for the family as they go through this time of bereavement.



EXCHANGE OF PULPIT: Within the St. Mary Baptist Association, today is Exchange of Pulpit Sunday. This takes place each year on the last Sunday in June. It is a time when pastors, deacons and lay preachers move across different churches within the Association to share and fellowship with each other. Today, six persons from the Port Maria Circuit are at other churches. We ask that you specially remember them in your prayers as they share what God has laid on their hearts to edify the people of God. The persons include:

- Sis. Lorna Coleman-Campbell - Grace Baptist
- Dea. Novelette Brown - Friendship Baptist
- Dea. Asbert Radway - Wallingford Baptist
- Dea. Sidney Lawes - Hopewell Baptist
- Dea. Linda Hines - Gayle Baptist
- Rev. Oral Campbell - Hamilton Mountain Baptist



Caribbean Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Sunday

The month of June is recognized as CBF month and the fourth Sunday is set aside as CBF Sunday. Today, we seek to continue to increase your awareness of the CBF. The CBF is an agent through which Caribbean Baptists can pool and channel their human and financial resources towards carrying out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ and its various departments. The CBF has different departments which can serve as avenues for greater involvement in the work of Christ. Departments include Caribbean Christian Publication (CCP) - producers of Sunday School literatures), Youth, Women's Federation, Men's Brotherhood, Christian Education/Stewardship and Evangelism/Mission. Last year, we highlighted the CCP department of the CBF. You can visit the CBF website to learn more about the CBF: <http://www.carbapfel.org/index.html>

Being a part of God's family

God instituted the family. The entire Bible is the story of God building a family who will love, honour and reign with Him forever. Because God is love, he treasures relationships. His very nature is relational and he identifies himself in family terms such as Father and Son.

God created you to be a part of His family. This is one of God's purposes for your life, which he planned before you were born. When you place your faith in Christ, God becomes your Father, you and others who place faith in God, become his children, other believers become your brothers and sisters, and the church becomes your spiritual family. The family of God includes all believers in the past, in the present, and all who will believe in the future.

The invitation to be part of God's family is universal (*Mark 8:34, Acts 2:21, Romans 10:13, 2 Peter 3:9*). We do not deserve to be His children, but He has chosen us for this privilege because he loves us, "... it is his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's own family" (*1 Peter 1:3b*). "Praise God for the privilege of being in Christ's family and being called by his wonderful name!" (*1 Peter 4:16*).

Adapted from: <http://www.selfgrowth.com/articles/Warren5.html>

Thought:
Family ties are precious threads, no matter where we roam; they draw us close to those we love and pull our hearts toward home!

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

FAMILY FIND-A-WORD

B	N	I	E	C	E	R	R	aunt
R	E	U	N	C	L	E	F	brother
O	P	R	G	R	T	H	A	cousin
T	H	T	E	H	A	T		daughter
H	E	N	G	T	S	O	H	father
E	W	U	N	O	S	M	E	mother
R	A	A	N	N	Y	I	R	nephew
D	N	I	S	U	O	C	S	niece
								sister
								son
								uncle



HISTORY IS IMPORTANT!!
 The Communications Committee is seeking to archive as much information about the history of

the Emmanuel Baptist Church (and the circuit)—her former pastors, members, significant events, photographs, sermons, stories and other memoirs. If you have any information and/or documents, please pass these on to Sis. Dahlia Palmer. Also, if you wish to be interviewed in this regard please also indicate this. This is urgently needed. Thanks.

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