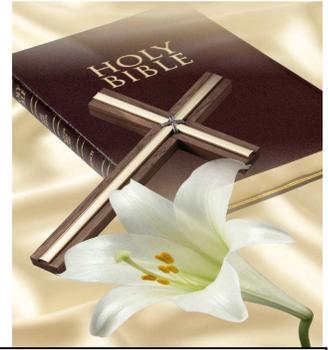


# EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, PORT MARIA, ST. MARY

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## EDITORIAL: SURE ELECTION

As Jamaicans, we are currently in another period of our history that we term “election fever” where our politicians and political analysts eagerly make predictions with certainty, about who will win the next election, based on specific qualities of the varied candidates. As the “war is waged” among the political parties, the rest of us then deliberate and ultimately [will] decide, with assurance, which party we will elect. The scriptures tell us of an election that we will have to deliberate on and be sure about—that is, the call of our salvation. Here, each of us [individually], is our own candidate.

In 1 Peter 1:2-7, Peter outlined some specific qualities which pertain to life and godliness, that Christians should strive to possess and maintain, in order to “confirm our calling and election” (1 Peter 1:10). These qualities include diligence, faith, virtue, knowledge of Christ, self-control, perseverance, godliness, kindness and love. These traits of spiritual growth give us the assurance of our salvation as well as guarantee our eternal life in Christ Jesus; they guarantee and confirm our election.

Today—All Saints Sunday—is a good day for us to reflect on our call and election. Our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone on ahead of us, demonstrated by their faith and their service to God and humanity, that we, like them, can grow and continue in the qualities that Peter shared with us. These Saints, though they were persecuted for their faith in Christ; though they suffered hunger and pain; though they cared for the lonely and outcasts of society, among other things, held fast to their salvation—they won their election. Each of us as Christians, be encouraged - be diligent in these things; “hold fast” to your salvation and so be sure about your election.

*Dahlia Palmer*  
Chairperson,  
Communications Committee

## NOVEMBER REMINDERS

- 1-30 Parents' Month  
Drug Awareness Month
- 1st All Saints Day
- 6th All Saints Sunday
- 6th **Circuit Memorial Service**  
(at Emmanuel—6:30 p.m.)
- 7th BWA Women's Day of Prayer
- 12th Annual General Business Meeting of the St. Mary Baptist Association (Friendship Baptist)
- 19th Circuit Officers' Meeting
- 20-26 Baptist Awareness Week
- 24-25 JBU Youth Conference
- 26th JBU Youth Rally (Ocho Rios)
- 27th Association Sunday (Emmanuel Baptist Church)
- 27th First Sunday of Advent

Please remember your Association fees of \$100.

Please remember to support these events where possible as well as remember to pray God's blessings on these events.

## ON BEING A BAPTIST: on being part of the St. Mary Baptist Association

As members, friends and visitors of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, we do not exist for ourselves. Though we operate as one body of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, we are also part of a wider Baptist group. First, we are part of a general location of Baptist churches which form our circuit (Port Maria). Our circuit exists in the parish of St. Mary and as such, like all circuits of Baptist churches in this parish, we are part of an Association—that is, the St. Mary Baptist Association (SMBA).

Since we are part of the SMBA, we must inform ourselves about its operations. The SMBA has regular meetings to hear about the needs and challenges as well as celebrations of each circuit and how best the Association can help individual circuits to grow spiritually, emotionally, socially, intellectually and numerically. The Youth Arm of the Association, seeks to discuss and work at issues related to youths in the Association.

In addition to the meetings, each November, the Association has its business meeting to report on its stewardship over the year. Also, a service of thanksgiving is held each year. This year, the service will be held right here at Emmanuel. We invite you all to share in this service and encourage you to invite a friend, family member and/or neighbour to share in our Association service.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions  
Please e-mail us at: [emmanuel\\_baptist\\_1828@yahoo.com](mailto:emmanuel_baptist_1828@yahoo.com)  
Or write us at: PO Box 64, Pt. Maria, St. Mary  
Visit us at our website: [www.emmanuelbaptist-jm.org](http://www.emmanuelbaptist-jm.org)

## November Birthdays

Lydia O'Connor	11th
Angella Crump	16th
Maureen Cunningham	16th
Emma Scarlett-Grant	20th
Athelia Williams	22nd

## 27TH NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE & RALLY

**AMBASSADORS OF HOPE:  
STEPPING UP; STEPPING OUT!**



### Opening Celebrations

Thursday 24th November, 2011

William Knibb Memorial Baptist Church @ 7 p.m.

### Conference & Workshops

Friday 25th November, 2011

Nutshell Conference Center

### Closing/Rally Celebrations

Saturday 26th November, 2011

Ocho Rios Baptist Church  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Early Registration at the  
JBU Office, no later than  
Monday, November 7, 2011.



**Explosive Talents**  
Youths and Young Adults Competing in:  
Dance;  
Music – Negro Spirituals;  
Dub Poetry; and  
Bible Quiz - Jeremiah

Conference fee of \$5000 covers accommodation,  
meals & conference materials and travel  
(Nutshell to Ocho Rios).

Dress Code: Modesty At All Times

**See you there!!!**

Come cheer on your favourite team in  
the healthy competitive spirit as only  
God's people can, knowing that in  
Christ we are all winners.

Conference Fee - \$5000  
Rally Fee - \$100

## CELEBRATING PARENTS

Since children represent the future generation, then the parents and guardians who nurture them must be recognized and celebrated.

We know that parents face a tremendous task in raising their children in today's society, which offers so many distractions to children. Many parents work long hours in an effort to care for and provide the basic necessities for their families. Some parents also serve as guardians to other children and fulfil the role of parenthood single handedly sometimes, and others with support. Yet, despite all odds, their children are the professionals of today and tomorrow – the doctor, lawyer, the teacher, the performing artiste, the police officer and the engineer. Parents have sacrificed much and this month we join in celebrating those parents who have helped in shaping this nation and making us proud. Happy Parents' Month.

## DRUG AWARENESS

The National Council on Drug Abuse (NCDA), is the agency that was established in 1983 to educate the general public about the dangers of drug abuse and to prevent the indiscriminate use of drugs. In 1984 the Drug Abuse Secretariat was established to assist the Council in carrying out the necessary administrative tasks. At the launch of this year's drug awareness month at King's House, the Governor General, Sir Patrick Allen, urged more Jamaicans to play their part in helping those affected by drug abuse. This can only happen if we are educated about substance abuse. The prevalence of substance abuse in our country means that most of us will know of at least one friend, colleague or family member who abuses drugs. It is therefore important that all of us are educated about substance abuse.

The chairperson of our Social Ministry has, from time-to-time, educated us about the correct use of drugs, as well as what constitute its misuse. We want to remind you of some information that you may have forgotten, and encourage you to ensure that your children and grandchildren, are also educated about drug use and drug abuse, so that we can all learn to appreciate the value of healthy living:

- Safe drugs are medicines that doctors give when someone is sick
- Children should understand that only parents and their caregivers should give them medicines. Parents and caregivers should ensure to give the correct dosage and at the correct times.
- Safe drugs can be harmful when they are used by someone else or when the person to whom the safe drug belongs, takes too much

There is much more information for us to learn about drug use and drug abuse. If you need further information about drug use or drug abuse, or if you know someone who is abusing drugs, you can contact the chairperson of the social ministry committee, that is Sis. Linda Hines or you may contact the NCDA at 1-888-991-4244 (toll fee) or 876 926-9002-4 or you can send an e-mail to [ncda@cwjamaica.com](mailto:ncda@cwjamaica.com)



## 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 (Port Maria Class); Sis. Emma Scarlette-Grant (Port Maria Class); Sis. Inez Graham (Trinity Class); Sis. Percess Scott (Trinity Class); Bro. Thomas Bennett (Mason Hall Class); Bro. Archibald Henry (Stennett Street Class); Bro. Jeremiah Dalhouse (Stennett Street Class); Sis. Daphne Reid (Galina Class); Sis. Georgina Peart (Cox Street Class); Bro. Lucan Scott (Cox Street Class)

## Thought:

**The hero is one who kindles a great light in the world and sets up blazing torches in the dark street.**

**The saint is the person who walks through the dark paths of the world, himself being a light.**

- Felix Adler, 1851 - 1933