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EDITORIAL: CARING THE LAND

It is truly a marvel to see the abundance and variety of foods, fruits and vegetables in our Jamaican markets—yes, apples, lettuce, yams, bananas, pumpkin, carrot, juicy mangoes—are just a few of the edibles that are sold there. Our history has never ever recorded a time when our markets did not have any food kind to sell. This highlights the providential care and nature of our God. But, have you ever stopped to think about the land on which these varied crops grow?

Humankind has always had a special relationship to the soil hence we have a duty of care to the land. We must nurture and plant the land so that she can produce her crops because land represents economic and social prosperity of a people and of the nation. There are consequences (i.e. poverty) flowing from our misuse and abuse of land s.

As we celebrate harvest this year, let us remember that the land—the dirt where we plant—is what we live off and so we must care God’s land and God’s land in return will care for us.



*Dahlia Palmer, Chairperson
 Communications Committee*

THE FIELDS ARE READY FOR HARVEST

When Jesus was here on earth, He spoke about the spiritual condition of mankind and declared that the “*fields are white and ready for harvest,*” (John 4:35). This statement is true today as it was when Jesus lived on the earth. All around us, souls are perishing in sin and many people die without ever knowing the hope of life—Christ Jesus. Many people die in ruins because they have never heard the gospel of salvation. Indeed, many people live and die in misery because they have never known the joy that comes from living a life in Christ Jesus.

Christians are called to stretch a hand to help those who are perishing in sin but sadly, many of us are content to just doing nothing and some of us have lost the zeal for witnessing to those who are in sin. As Christians, we have not truly understood our purpose as it relates to witnessing to lost souls. The Church of Christ on earth, was created for missionary purposes. This means that we must be ready to work—to devise ways and means to take the gospel of salvation to all persons, so that they may repent of their sins and have eternal life.

There is a lot of work to be done by Christians for in our homes, communities, schools, and places of work—indeed all of Jamaica—we have done only a small part of the evangelical work that God has called us to undertake. Let us work the work of Him who has called us for indeed, the fields are ready for harvesting.

JULY REMINDERS

- 8th Harvest Thanksgiving & Ingathering Services
- 9th-12th Vacation Bible School
- 9th-14th Intermediate I & II Camp
- 13th Harvest Supper
- 14th St. Mary Baptist Association Cross-Country Run
- 16th-21st Junior Camp
- 28th Church Trip (Montego Bay)
- 31st Emancipation Vigil in the Claude Stewart Park

Upcoming August Events

- 1st Emancipation Day
- 1st Circuit Fair (in Galina)
- 6th Independence Day - Jamaica 50th Anniversary

SUPPORT THE HAITI MISSION

Operation Peace Mission in Haiti:

Please give a special offering **today** in helping the JBU Mission Agency and volunteers to complete the construction of three churches with attached basic schools in Haiti.



July Wedding Anniversaries



On July 28
 Donna & Unes McLean
 celebrate 5 years of
 marriage

On July 31,
 Louise & Junior Plummer
 celebrate 29 years
 of marriage.



“In a marriage, love is a decision made every waking moment.” (John 13:34)

July Birthdays: Delight yourselves in the Lord and have good health!



Fay
 Dixon
 2nd



Bruce
 Wedderburn
 4th



Olga
 Campbell
 13th



Fitzroy
 Hylton
 17th



Leonard
 Martin
 24th



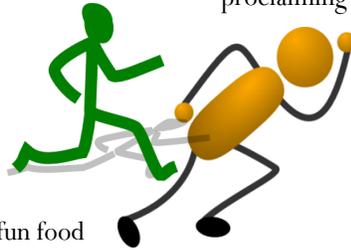
Suzzette
 Irvin-Ison
 25th



Tricia
 Thompson
 31st

Mission 2020: CROSS COUNTRY RUN

The phrase "Mission 2020" should now be a household name for all of us here at Emmanuel. As a reminder, Mission 2020 is the JBU's church growth thrust to disciple persons for Christ which will ultimately lead to growth in church membership. As part of that thrust, the St. Mary Baptist Association has planned a Cross-Country Run as one of the means of proclaiming the gospel of Christ. The Port Maria Circuit is involved in this Mission event. The day, Saturday July 14, begins at Uncle B's Jerk Centre at 6:30 a.m. with devotions. The Port Maria Circuit's leg of the run will begin at Villa Road and end at the Juice Factory in Galina. We then spend the day at Eden Park for fun food and fellowship. Let us all join in sharing in this gospel run. And remember, the circuit's colour is yellow/gold.



Preparing for the Cross-country run

- At least one week prior to the run, start doing some stretches of the arms, legs and torso
- At least three days before the run, increase your carbohydrate intake
- Hydrate yourself a day before the run BUT do not over-do it. Drink water only when you are thirsty. Since drinking water may flush your system of electrolytes, eat banana for the potassium and also eat salty snacks
- Ensure that you have a comfortable shoes for running
- Try to get at least 6-8 hours of sleep. Do not go to bed too early because this may cause you to wake up too early and you may have a hard time falling back asleep.
- On the day of the run, eat at least one and half hours before the race and eat lightly.
- At the end of the run, ensure that you have a sports drink to replace the electrolytes you lost through sweating.

If you are not able to run, you can do brisk walking.

Congratulations!

- To our GSAT Awardees: Davia Dennis, Amelia Forbes, Joel Jackson and Crystal Thompson
- To Sis. Maureen Cunningham on being nominated for the Prime Minister's Award.

Emancipation Vigil

This year, Jamaica will celebrate approximately 205 years of being emancipated from British slave rules, governance and slave master. This freedom is what calls for celebration each year on August 1. The celebration, usually in the form of a vigil, seeks to help us to remember from whence we have come—to remind us of the legacy of our fore-parents and for us to give thanks to God Almighty for granting us liberty from the chains of slavery. Let us join hearts, hands and voices on July 31 to offer praises to God and to truly celebrate our freedom.

Unscramble these words related to

harvest:

- klahfntu _____
- trlra _____
- ofdo _____
- rok w _____
- Lefdi _____
- slebsde _____
- ivgign _____

YOUTH ISSUES: Our young people today have a lot of issues to deal with.

- **Poor parenting:** Some parents have not been consistent in disciplining their children and some have not bothered to instil any kind of boundaries for children to abide by.
- **Abuses:** Our children are faced with all kinds of abuse that affect them physically and emotionally.
- **Growing up too fast:** We engage our children in adult conversations that they are not ready for. We also dress-up our children in adult looking styles. Let our children be children and so enjoy their childhood
- **Erosion of moral values and attitudes:** As a society we have failed to display or instil moral values and attitudes in our children.

Thought: Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you have not planted. ~ David Bly

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... 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. Percuss 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); Sis. Adassa Reddie (Cox Street).

HAVE YOU ...?

- Taken/submitted your picture for the anniversary magazine?
- Submitted your date of birth and/or wedding anniversary dates?