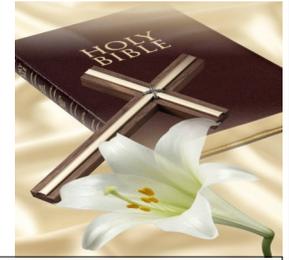


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EDITORIAL: THE MISSION PLAN

Prior to the reopening of schools, most parents/guardians set out on the task of getting children equipped and ready for the new school year. This act of getting the children ready continues throughout the term—e.g. waking them up, preparing meals, assisting with homework, scrutinizing reports, etc. These actions by parents/guardians mirror what is expected of us as Christians as we embark on effecting God’s Mission Plan.

First, the act by parents suggests that they have their children’s development at heart. Mission—God’s Mission—must be at the heart of every Christian. We must be concerned about the salvation status of our families and friends and so we must set out on the task of finding the time in our everyday activities, to share the gospel of Christ with them as well as demonstrate the love of Christ in our actions toward them. Second, the preparation action by parents is one that brings hope to their children. No matter how poorly a child does in school, seeing his/her parents taking steps to prepare him/her for school gives some element of hope to the child. Similarly, our work of doing God’s mission is a means of bringing hope to those who feel condemned and hopeless. The hope of many, lies in our hands and so as Christians we must engage in building hope so others can live with a sense of peace—we must share God’s words of hope to those who need it—the sick, depressed, those suffering loss and other kinds of woes. Finally, each year as parents prepare and equip their children for school, the school’s purposes and values remain the same though the preparation tasks differ as the child moves to higher grades. God’s Mission plan has not changed in purpose or in value but our approach to reaching souls for Christ may change—using e-mails, facebook and twitter, sending text messages, inviting persons for a walk on the beach—are just some of the approaches that can be utilized.

As we reflect on the last church year we will definitely find deficits in the way we effected God’s mission but let us use the opportunity to make God’s Mission Plan the core of our plans for the new year so that indeed “*God can reconcile the world to Himself*” - for this is the ultimate mission plan.

*Dahlia Palmer, Chairperson
Communications Committee*

Mission Impossible? The army and their leader were paralysed with fear as they saw their enemy approaching from the far end of the field. The enemy was huge and so the leader thought “*oh what a daunting challenge this is going to be - we are already defeated.*” Then he heard the voice of the enemy shouting “*Why do you come out and line up for battle? Choose a man and have him come down to me!*” The leader looked across at his men whom he had trained for battle—they stood shaking in their boots. This was so senseless. The leader thought of surrendering. That’s it—it’s easier to surrender than to enter into battle and sustain bruises from the enemy—perhaps even death. Suddenly, it seemed from nowhere, the little boy whom this great leader had overlooked appeared and said to

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SEPTEMBER REMINDERS

September is Mission Month

1st-29 JBU Mission Agency
Mission Month Jubilee
Evangelism Blitz (see page 2)
30th Members' Meeting



Remember to pray for and visit with 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); Sis. Adassa Reddie (Cox Street).

The Commissioning Service for the Rev. Jean Rony Bataille, will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at the Stokes Hall Baptist Church in St. Thomas. All are invited to share in this service.



September Wedding Anniversary



On September 24 Rev. & Mrs. Oral Campbell celebrate 24 years of marriage

On this your wedding anniversary, may you continue to find comfort and joy with each new day, in the light of God’s eternal love.

September Birthdays:

May God bless you and keep you always in His tender, loving care.



Kayl
Wedderburn
3rd



Garfield
Irvin
5th



Fay
Hibbert
10th



Zonika
Tracey
14th



Cynthia
Gayle
16th



Ivy
Clemetson
17th



Michael
Muir
22nd



Durey
Daley
23rd



Katana
Dunbar
23rd



Claudette
Taylor
25th



Desrine
Walters
26th



Elise
Barnett
27th

A FOCUS ON MISSION: We're on a mission - GOD'S mission ... Yuh on it??



The Jamaica Baptist Union Mission Agency

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MISSION MONTH JUBILEE EVANGELISM BLITZ

TOWN	DATE	TIME	SPEAKERS
JUNCTION, St. Elizabeth	Sept. 1, 2012	10:00 a.m.	Rev. Franklin Small
PORT ANTONIO, Portland	Sept. 8, 2012	10:00 a.m.	Rev. Luke Shaw
ULSTER SPRING, Trelawny	Sept. 22, 2012	10:00 a.m.	Rev. O'Neil Brown
LUCEA, Hanover	Sept. 29, 2012	10:00 a.m.	Rev. Devere Nugent
ST. ANN'S BAY, St. Ann	Oct. 6, 2012	10:00 a.m.	Rev. O'Neil Brown

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JAMAICA BAPTIST UNION MISSION AGENCY (JBUMA)

Overview of Mission 2020

Mission 2020 is a programme of evangelism and church growth embarked on by the Jamaica Baptist Union from 2010 to 2020. The aim of the programme is to reach 40,000 new persons, bring them into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and disciple them to serve Christ in the world through the membership in a Jamaica Baptist Union-affiliated local church. The programme is designed to cater for a maturing spirituality among members and church communities and lead individual Christians to practice lifestyle evangelism for ten (10) years. The programme will also give special attention to mission causes with the aim of bringing them up to church status. An adventurous part of this programme is the planting of new churches. The programme will seek to implement the relevant areas of the existing Jamaica Baptist Union Mission Plan. At every step of the programme the denomination's membership will be encouraged to practice the discipline of prayer and to deepen its awareness and consciousness of the Holy Spirit.

Objectives:

1. To mobilize the local congregation to approach ministry with a focus on evangelism.
2. To design and implement strategies with the view to create numerical church growth by carrying out the mandate of the great commission.
3. To educate and create exposure for members in personal Evangelism.
4. To prepare a number of persons who to be trainers within the local congregation.
5. To plan and implement a series of local church, circuit and association opportunities for: members' enrichment, training in personal evangelism, opportunities for the presentation of the gospel using both traditional and emerging methods.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions:

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**Thought: The more we feed on God's Word,
the more able we are to do God's work.**

the men who stood by him, "What shall be done for the man who kills this enemy, and takes away the shame and disgrace from our people? As he approached the enemy, the enemy also came forward with his shield bearer in front of him. When the enemy saw that he was only a child, he began laughing but then got angry and said "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks and stones?" And the enemy said "Come here, I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!" But the boy said to his enemy "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands." And so it was—the Mission was accomplished! (Adapted from 1 Samuel 17 - the story of David and Goliath).

As we embark on the Mission field for Christ, we often encounter obstacles (Goliaths) that blind our eyes and cause us to be fearful and afraid of completing God's mission plan. Like David, let us see our Goliaths as opportunities for exercising our faith, declaring the power and awesomeness of God and advancing the mission of Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Our cry then will not be mission impossible but mission accomplished!

JBU YOUTH DEPARTMENT (JBUYD)

Three BIG Upcoming Events!

#1 - Upcoming Student Services: September marks the beginning of a new school year! We wish our students all the best for the upcoming school term. This year the JBUYD's student church services which are normally held at the start of the school year, will be held as follow:

- Mandeville Region:** Mandeville Baptist Church -Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 9 a.m.
- Corporate Area:** Bethel Baptist Church, - Sunday September 23, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.
- Western Jamaica:** Calvary Baptist Church, - September 30, 2012 at 10 a.m.

#2 - 28th National Youth Conference and Rally: Another exciting and inspiring Conference and Rally will be held November 22 and 24. The **Opening Service** will be held at the **William Knibb Memorial Baptist** and conclude at the Ocho Rios Baptist Church. The JBUYD's theme for the period 2011–2013 (**Blessed and Branded: Ambassadors of Peace**) will be the overarching guide to the activities for this year's Conference and Rally.

#3 - 16th Baptist Youth World Conference

The 16th Baptist Youth World Conference will be held in Singapore, July 17-21, 2013 under the theme 'Setting the Stage, Embracing the Experience'.

For further information please contact Sis. Dahlia Palmer.