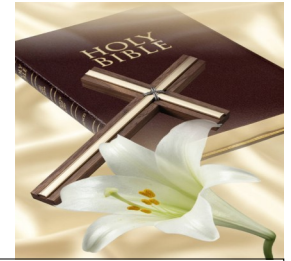


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EDITORIAL:

It has been argued that there is a link between solitude and spiritual power. In examining the life of Jesus through the scriptures, we see that “*He often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer*” (St. Luke 5:16). By getting away from the hustle and bustle of the crowd and His disciples, Jesus was able to clarify His priorities and motives and reflect on God’s Word and its requirements. These ‘away moments’ renewed Jesus’ strength and provided spiritual refreshment so that He could serve God and others. As disciples of Christ, we need to follow His example—we too need to retreat—we need to get away from the regular routine of our lives and spend time alone with God so that He can renew and refresh us for continued service. Not only will our strength be renewed, but this continued act will facilitate the process of developing deep, meaningful and intimate relationship with God. Then, we will be “full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom” as we go about doing the work of the Lord and others will hear and see the love of Christ being reflected in and through us.

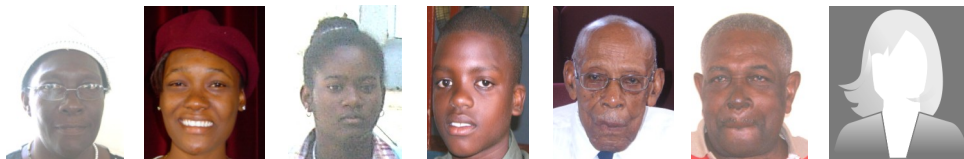
*Dahlia Palmer
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HERITAGE

The month of October has always been one of significance in Jamaica because it is the month that we set aside to remember our national heroes and heroine. We use the time to reflect on the bravery, commitment and beliefs of these persons who worked hard to pave the pathway of freedom for us. In this our Jubilee year, let us pray the national pledge as a commitment to preserving the rich heritage that has been passed on to us:

Before God and all mankind, I pledge the love and loyalty of my heart,
The wisdom and courage of my mind,
The strength and vigour of my body in the service of my fellow citizens;
I promise to stand up for Justice, Brotherhood and Peace,
To work diligently and creatively, to think generously and honestly,
So that Jamaica may, under God, increase in beauty, fellowship and prosperity,
And play her part in advancing the welfare of the whole human race.

October Birthdays: May you taste and see that the Lord is indeed a good God.



Icilyn Watkis
1st

Donnajeane Wesley
3rd

Jewel Sahti
7th

Kemar Sutherland
7th

Archibald Henry
9th

Morris Anderson
12th

Mary Wilson
14th



Tania Johnson
14th

Madge Brown
17th

Maloney Witter
17th

Sean Campbell
20th

Junior Plummer
20th

Leila Smith
24th

OCTOBER REMINDERS

- 13th JBU Youth Department Zone Eliminations
- 14th Heritage Sunday
- 14th Members' Meeting
- 14th 9th George Leile Lecture Series
- 15th National Heroes Day
- 15th Circuit Fair (Galina)
- 28th Sunday School Exams
- 28th Reformation Sunday

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bro. Bruce Wedderburn, who has been elected and appointed to serve as a Justice of the Peace for the Richmond community.



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 Jamaican National Anthem

In September 1961, it was announced that the competition for the words of the National Anthem would be judged in the first instance. The successful script would then be published and a contest for the music put in train. Nearly one hundred entries for the words were received and it was subsequently announced on March 17 that the competition for the words of the National Anthem would close on Saturday March 31, 1962.

A Joint Committee of the Houses of Parliament was responsible for making the final selection. Members remained divided between two possible choices until Thursday July 19, 1962 when the large majority of the House, after eager debate, approved the resolution which was put to it and the version previously heard in the lobby was selected as suitable. The Anthem is the creative work of four persons, the late Rev. and Hon. Hugh Sherlock, OJ, OBE, the late Hon. Robert Lightbourne, OJ, the late Mapletoft Poulle and Mrs. Poulle (now Mrs. Raymond Lindo).

Code for use of the National Anthem

- All persons should stand at attention, (i.e., heels together) at the playing of the National Anthem and men should remove their hats.
- The first verse of the National Anthem should be played or sung as specifically designated on the arrival of the Governor-General or the Prime Minister.
- The National Anthem may be sung or played at public gatherings.
- Singing of the National Anthem should form part of the ceremony of raising and lowering of the flag at the beginning and end of term in schools and at Independence celebrations.

Retrieved from: http://www.jis.gov.jm/special_sections/Independence/anthem&Pledge.html

BE IN CONSTANT PRAYER

It seemed like only yesterday that we were celebrating and joyfully embracing each other as one nation under God. Today, the news is fraught with incidences of maiming, raping, stealing, and murdering. As Christians, let us be in constant prayer for this our island Jamaica—that God's hand of love, mercy and peace will be stretched toward us.

Let us truly embrace the JBU's theme—Being God's People in God's World: Living in Peace! Let us pray for peace, live in peace and share the peace of God.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions:

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Thought: See problems as opportunities for growth and self-mastery.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

If only women paid as much attention to their breast as men do

October is a National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. One of every eight women die from breast cancer. For more than 80% of women, it took more than 12 months to detect and treated early. Call 011-2262181 for details.

OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE: NOT FOR SALE

"I will not give you my ancestral heritage." —1 Kings 21:3

King Ahab had a palace in Jezreel, and near the palace was a vineyard owned by a man named Naboth. One day Ahab said to Naboth, "Since your vineyard is so convenient to the palace, I would like to buy it to use as a vegetable garden. I will give you a better vineyard in exchange, or if you prefer, I will pay you for it." But Naboth replied, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance that was passed down by my ancestors."

(1 Kings 21:1-3)

In present day Jamaica, many persons would be only too happy to give up the "little piece of inheritance" for something more extravagant along with some extra dollars. Not Naboth. Although Naboth was offered by King Ahab a better vineyard in exchange for his family's vineyard (1 Kings 21:2), Naboth refused Ahab's offer. "The Lord forbid," Naboth answered him, "that I should give you my ancestral heritage" (1 Kings 21:3). Naboth was eventually stoned to death because he would not part with his ancestral heritage (1 Kings 21:13). In contrast to Naboth, Esau sold not only his ancestral heritage but his birthright for a bowl of red stew (Genesis 25:30). "Esau cared little for his birthright" (Genesis 25:34).

Our heritage and birthright are much more than pieces of property. Our Christian heritage is sacred and is to be valued and guarded. Our Christian heritage is the truth of God's Word, His power manifested in the sacraments, and His love flowing through the body of Christ, the Church.

To preserve and deepen this heritage, we will certainly have to sacrifice. We may even have to give our lives. So many Christians do not know the truths of their faith. Many are Biblically illiterate, unappreciative of the Lord's awesome sacramental presence and power, and trapped in the isolated individualism of our "culture of death." Many of us have sold our birthright and heritage for next to nothing. Jesus has paid the price of our heritage with His blood. He commands us: "Wake up, and strengthen what remains before it dies" (Revelation 3:2). It is better to sacrifice and die to preserve our heritage in Christ than to sell our Christian heritage.

Adapted from: <http://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?d=6/18/2012>