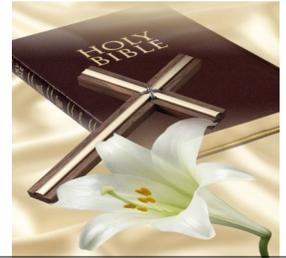


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EDITORIAL: AFTER THE STORM

Hurricane Sandy has been recorded as one of the worst hurricanes in history. It came with lots of wind and rain and caused flooding, damage and destruction to properties of varying sizes, uprooted trees and ripped away crops of all kinds, disrupted electricity, destroyed gas lines that caused fires, interrupted telephone services and caused several deaths.

The devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy bears a stark resemblance to the trials and tribulations that Christians world wide go through and there are many evidences in scripture that highlight this—Job lost every single thing he possessed (even his health); Daniel was thrown into the lions’ den; Elijah’s life was threatened; Joseph was betrayed by his family and sold into slavery; and Paul was jailed for preaching the gospel. Outside of scriptures we have heard of and [some] have witnessed the torture and mishaps that many believers have encountered. The trials and tribulations will come to an end (even if they are prolonged like Hurricane Sandy) but what really should be our response and attitude after these trials and tribulations—after the storm? One way in which we can respond is found in the book of Acts 27.

In Acts chapter 27, we read of a storm that the Apostle Paul faced out at sea. In verse 22, after the storm, Paul looked at the men in the ship and said “*I urge you, be of good cheer.*” Certainly, the men must have looked at Paul in wonderment and asked if he was crazy. This response by Paul is only but one of the assurances that we as Christians have after we have weathered the storms of life with Christ Jesus. *Be of good cheer* was also quoted by Jesus in St. John 16:33 when He said “*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*” No doubt, this was the assurance that our brothers and sisters—who were martyrs of the Christian faith (the Saints)—had as they faced their trials; they were of good cheer, they kept the faith and they finished their race.

As we look with shock at, and calculate the dollar costs in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and as we evaluate our personal lives after weathering the varied trials and tribulations, we can truly encourage ourselves and those around us to take heart. Whether we have everything intact or whether we lose everything during the process of the tribulations—after the storms, we can say *be of good cheer!*

Dahlia Palmer
Chairperson,
Communications Committee

NOVEMBER REMINDERS

- 1-30 Parents' Month
- Drug Awareness Month
- 1st All Saints Day
- 4th All Saints Sunday
- 10th Annual General Business Meeting of the St. Mary Baptist Assoc. Baptist Association (Grace Baptist)
- 18-24 Baptist Awareness Week
- 22-23 JBU Youth Conference
- 24th JBU Youth Rally (Ocho Rios)
- 25th Association Sunday (Zion Hill Baptist Church)
- 27th First Sunday of Advent

Please remember your Association fees of \$100.

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); Sis. Ivy Cletmetson (Mason Hall Class); Bro. Archibald Henry (Stennett Street Class); Class; Sis. Daphne Reid (Galina Class); Sis. Georgina Peart (Cox Street Class); Bro. Lucan Scott (Cox Street Class); Sis. Adassa Reddie (Cox Street).

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



Daphne Mills
10th



Jodie Plummer
10th



Lydia O'Connor
11th



Angella Crump
16th



Maureen Cunningham
16th



Emma Scarlett-Grant
20th



Shandola Thompson
23rd

The officers elected to serve for the 2012-2013 church year are:

- Secretary - Alpha Hibbert
- Asst. Secretary - Vivene Irvin
- Treasurer - Violet Sewell
- Asst. Treasurer - Jaqueline McPherson
- Brotherhood - Joslyn Spence
- Communications - Dahlia Palmer
- Hospitality - Claudette Taylor
- Mission & Evang. - Karlene McLean
- Music & Arts - Bruce Wedderburn
- Property - Earle Irvin
- Senior Citizen - Leila Smith
- Social Ministry - Linda Hines
- Sunday School - Dafflyn Campbell
- Usher - Angella Salmon
- Women's Federation - Gwendolyn Robinson
- Youth Department - Louise Plummer

Deacons:

- Norman Brown
- Alpha Hibbert
- Linda Hines
- Earle Irvin
- Vivene Irvin
- Louise Plummer
- Violet Sewell
- Joslyn Spence
- Gwendolyn Robinson

Deacons Emeritus:

- Hazel Allen
- Archibald Henry
- Larkland Peart
- Lucan Scott

Class Leaders

- Cox Street - Nora Davis
- Galina - Cynthia Gayle
- Mason Hall - Claudette Taylor
- Port Maria - Angela Salmon
- Stennett Street - Louise Plummer
- Trinity - Gwendolyn Robinson

Thought:

Take charge of your attitude. Don't let someone else choose it for you.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions:

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Parenting for Prevention of Underage Drinking

Children and youth are bombarded every day with incorrect information and mixed messages about alcohol. The reality is that alcohol is linked with health problems, violence, vehicle crashes, unwanted and unsafe sex, and other social problems.

What parents can do

Become educated about the disease of addiction, risk factors, why people use alcohol, environmental influences such as availability and media promotion.

Know the real facts. The following are NOT TRUE:

- A little beer will not hurt my child
- It's a rite of passage; all children do it.
- If my children drink only at home they will not drink when they are away from home

THE FACT IS: Alcohol use by adolescents leads more rapidly and more frequently to addiction than for adults. People who start drinking before the age of eighteen become addicted at much higher rates than those who start drinking later. Alcohol interferes with the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual growth of children and youth, and with critical childhood and adolescent brain development.

As parents and guardians, we must examine our own attitudes and role modeling. Drinking patterns are often learned at home.

Adapted from:

http://www.preventionnetwork.org

DRUG AWARENESS

- You are sure to lose if you abuse the booze.
- Drugs abuse retards nation building
- Addition is a disease of the brain.
- Smoking marijuana can affect short term memory, and cause cancer of the liver, sexual dysfunction, and mental illness.
- Inhalants (such as white-out), can harm the brain

Youth Related Activities