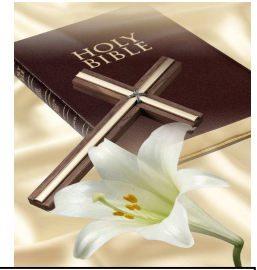


# EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, PORT MARIA, ST. MARY

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## EDITORIAL: LIVING IN PEACE

Shootings in the Ohio school in the United States; war-torn countries such as Somalia, and Uganda; battles between drug lords and police in Mexico, and gang feuds and fighting in Jamaica—all have something in common—the presence of turmoil, conflicts, and hostility. In all of these situations, there is a cry for peace. However, peace is not possible if we do not have peace with Christ—who is the giver of peace (Eph 2:14).

The Jamaica Baptist Union, through the leading of the Holy Spirit has urged member churches to focus on the theme “*Living in Peace*” for the 2012-2014 period. As Christians, peace is essential to our life and living and as such we must seek to be peacemakers in our homes, communities and among our brothers and sisters of other denominations. In this regard, we must at all times, embrace the Prince of Peace and be Christ’s ambassadors of peace. Then, as peace representatives of Christ, we will more aptly accomplish the Mission of Christ in establishing communities of peace.

We can only live in peace if we know Jesus: No Jesus—no peace; Know Jesus—know peace!!

*Dahlia Palmer*  
Chairperson, Communications

## MARCH REMINDERS

Each Sunday afternoon at 6:00 p.m. during the month, there will be Cell Group and Class Leaders’ Training. All class and cell leaders are invited to attend the sessions.

4th	2nd Sunday in Lent
6th	Peace Day
11th	3rd Sunday in Lent
17th	Evangelism Explosion Training (Mission 2020) at 9 a.m. Emmanuel Education Centre
18th	4th Sunday in Lent
25th	Sunday School Anniversary
25th	5th Sunday in Lent

## March Birthdays

Shadel Brown	1st
Gregory Walsh	1st
Doris Nelson	3rd
Esther Sahti	8th
Louise Scarlett	12th
Adassa Reddie	15th
Alpha Hibbert	17th
Loretta Reid	20th
Ena Rhoden	20th
Shamar Brown	23rd
Tanesha Holness	23rd
Dafflyn Campbell	26th
Trevelyn Williams	28th
Steve Hamilton	31st



## NEW JBU PRESIDENT

The Rev. Luke Nathaniel Shaw was installed as the JBU president at the closing service of the 162<sup>nd</sup> JBU Assembly, held at the National Arena on February 26, 2012.

Rev. Shaw, a son of Emmanuel Baptist, and by extension of the Port Maria Circuit, served as pastor of the James Hill Circuit in Clarendon. He also served as missionary at the First Isthmian Baptist Church, in Colon, Panama. He then assumed the pastorate of the Linstead/Buxton Town Circuit in June 2006 after serving for 5 years in Panama.

Rev. Shaw is married to Claudette and they have two children, Zena and Andrew (*the children are older than presented in the photo to the right*).

Please be in prayer for Rev. Shaw and family, and for the elected officers as they serve and seek to accomplish tasks for the Lord, for the 2012-2014 period.



**Remember to pray for and visit ... 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).

We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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Thought :

he who lives in  
harmony with him-  
self, lives in har-  
mony with the  
world! - Marcus Aurelius

Be in prayer for  
the upcoming Cir-  
cuit Youth Re-  
treat. Your sup-  
port of cash and  
food items will be  
greatly appreci-  
ated.

The 185th Anniversary Committee invites you to  
a Black and White Tea Party. See details below:

The Emmanuel Baptist Church  
185th Anniversary Committee  
invites you to join us in a

**Black & White Tea Party**  
(and movie)

Save the date:  
Saturday, April 7,  
2012 at the  
Emmanuel  
Education  
Centre

Come! Let's have some tea  
and talk about happy  
things—you and me!

Don't be late:  
5:00 pm  
Cost: \$200

(NB: You pay \$300 if you are not in  
black and white)

**WALKING WOUNDED:** "Walking wounded" is a term that is used in the medical field to describe a person who has injuries—physical or otherwise (e.g. brain injury), but despite the injuries, the person is conscious and breathing and is able to walk. Because such patients are able to walk and can do simple and regular every day activities, they appear to be functioning at normal levels. Doctors are now realizing that "being normal" is far from true with persons who have been categorized as being "walking wounded". In fact, the term walking wounded suggests that these patients require immediate attention if they are to fully recover and become whole. Thus, medical practitioners are spending more time to rehabilitate these persons—the "walking wounded".

Many persons in our church are "walking wounded". They appear to be functioning at normal levels on a daily basis but this is far from true. On the inside, they are carrying around different kinds of issues and hurts that have been left unattended.

Many persons in our church have been hurt from childhood—hurt by verbal, physical and/or sexual abuses. Some persons are depressed and feel suicidal; some persons are stressed from being unemployed and others from the limited finances to cover mounting expenses; some are saddened over the loss of family/friend through death, separation and/or divorce. Some persons are mentally overwhelmed in having to deal with cancer, diabetes and hypertension and having to struggle with thoughts of abortions that took place many years ago.

Like the medical practitioners, we must pay attention to, and give medical, physical, emotional and spiritual support to our brothers and sisters who are "walking wounded". We must help in the restorative process by helping them to get to the bottom

## Port Maria Circuit Youth Retreat at COLUMBUS INN

(Priory, St. Ann)



April 10-13, 2012

Cost: \$3,000

YOUTH  
BIBLE  
STUDY

YOUTH ISSUES

## Celebrating Lent: A Different Approach to Fasting



Fasts have a tendency to be oriented toward things like giving up food or television. But there are many other creative ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch.

Here are suggestions you may want to consider.

- Fast from anger and hatred** (Give our family members an extra dose of love each day)
- Fast from judging others** (before making any judgments, recall how Jesus overlooked your faults);
- Fast from discouragement** (Hold on to Jesus' promise that He has a perfect plan for you);
- Fast from complaining** (When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you);
- Fast from resentment and bitterness** (Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you);
- Fast from spending money unnecessarily** (Try to reduce your unnecessary spending and give the savings to the poor).

Contributed by: Dea. Linda Hines

Source: [group.yahoo.com/group/Funspirations/](http://group.yahoo.com/group/Funspirations/)

of their hurts. Through this self examination—that is, a review of the past—persons will get an understanding of why they behave in certain ways at certain times. Over time, this self examination will help persons to mourn the hurts and to move on in liberty. Of course, getting to the bottom of the hurts is not an easy job. It is painful, but it must be done if ever we intend to live a life of freedom. Reach out to the "walking wounded". If you need help to deal with these hurts please call 994-2475 to make an appointment or talk with someone whom you trust.

*If [the church] is not a place, where tears are understood,  
Then where shall I go to cry?  
And if [the church] is not a place, where my spirit can take wings,  
Then where shall I go to fly?*