

# E-EMMANUEL

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## EDITORIAL: RELAX! HE IS RISEN

**Relax, He is risen!** Those were the words the early disciples needed to hear, following what appeared to have been a devastating blow to the ministry of their leader, Jesus Christ. After witnessing His crucifixion and burial, these disciples thought all was over—they may as well just return to life as they knew it before Christ. While they were contemplating their next move, He appeared to them to let them know He is not dead but alive. Imagine the joy and new-found hope! This kept them going over the next many years that they shared their faith and testimony.

Today, for those of you who may be facing your own personal dark moment, or you may be in a state of depression, the good news is that the Risen Christ can make a difference in your life. He can bring about the change you seek. Yes He can change your circumstances and perform the miracle of transformation in your life. Just relax, and allow Him to have first place in your life.

This is the message you also need to share with those around you. You may know of others who are having their own struggles and gloomy days. You may know someone who has given up on life. It doesn't have to be that way. Introduce them to the Risen Christ. Let them know that once they are in His presence, they can relax no matter what the circumstances may be.

I wish for everyone a blessed Easter.

*Rev. O. Campbell  
Pastor*

### APRIL REMINDERS

- 8th Easter Sunday
- 8th Easter Sunday Concert (6 pm)
- 9th Easter Monday
- 10-13th Youth Retreat

**Remember to pray for the sick and shut-in members of the church.**

### April Wedding Anniversaries

On April 18, 2012 Sylvester and Novelette Barnett will celebrate 22 years of marriage.



"A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person".

*(Quoted by: Mignon McLaughlin)*

May God's blessings continue to be on your marriage

### The Risen Lord

Of all the religions of the world, Christianity is the most unique of them all. This is so because, unlike the other religions, it is the only one that has undergone critical investigation and yet comes up credible at all times. The historical evidences and the faith experiences have stood the test of time over the centuries. Yet, with all the established historical fact verified by many eyewitnesses, the wealth of corroborating evidence and the fact that there is an empty tomb, there are still many persons who do not believe that Christ has risen. For Christians, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most important event of our faith—it is the foundation of our belief. However, to believe in Jesus' resurrection, is not enough. When a person says that he/she is a Christian but lives and walks no differently than his/her unbelieving neighbour, that person is essentially denying the resurrection. Only when Christ is in full control of our lives will we know and experience the meaning of the resurrection. Once Christ is Lord of your life, then you will submit your choices, desires, ambitions—everything to the will of Jesus.

### April Birthdays: May the good Lord shower you with many blessings on your special day.



Pauline  
Hamilton  
1st



Isaac  
Watkis  
4th



Delmena  
Young  
7th



Konsley  
Williams  
9th



Rev. Oral  
Campbell  
12th



Myrtle  
Genius  
16th



Loretta  
Reid  
21st



Rachel  
Francis  
24th



Cynthia  
Bryan  
29th

**THE BLOODY CROSS:** The cross on which Christ was crucified was a bloody one—it had Jesus’ blood all over it. Blood streamed from His head where the thorns were placed; it oozed from His back where the capillaries and veins of the skin had burst from the flogging He received; it streamed from His hands and feet where the nails were hammered; and it streamed from His side where the sword pierced. This is the blood that Jesus shed for all of humanity—to free us from sin. Each time that we sin, we symbolically re-enact the piercing of the thorns, nails, flagrum and the sword. Let us pledge to apply the blood of Jesus to our lives on a daily basis so that we can free ourselves from sin. The bloody cross must be prominent in our minds as a reminder of the sufferings that Jesus endured for all of us and as a charge for us to proclaim the good news of salvation through the blood of Christ Jesus. Give thanks that in the aftermath of Jesus’ resurrection, it was the cross—the bloody cross—that redeemed us from the wrath of sin and death.

**Be in prayer for our members**

As a church we want to express condolence to those of our members who have lost loved ones. Specifically, we want to pray for Sis. Hazel Allen, Bro. Sean Campbell and Sis. Doris Nelson.

**Remembering Steve**

Many members of Emmanuel might remember several years ago when Steve and Doris visited Emmanuel. Initially, they were strangers among us but over time, as we learned about them, they became a part of us and helped to strengthen our faith as a body of believers. Particularly, we questioned whether Steve, who could not speak at the time, should be baptized—after all wasn't it on the expressed profession of faith that Baptists baptize people? We deliberated and in the end, it was upon the profession of faith of the members of Emmanuel that we accepted Steve and he was baptized. After a few months after socializing with us, surprisingly to all of us, Steve begun to speak—unclear at first but gradually, we begun to understand his words. Although he was physically challenged, Steve was at church practically every Sunday with his mother and we marvelled even the more when we discovered how far over hilly terrains Steve travelled to be at church—no complaints but only a smile, a yearning to engage in conversation and the willingness to be in God’s presence.



May his soul rest in peace.

**EASTER FIND-A-WORD PUZZLE**

O M T X L E T D S S O R C R O F  
 S X S V A T Y T N P V K K E A A  
 G C I A M R A A O E F I L W E N  
 C G R C B I D D I F L F T V V H  
 K C H O O U N G T F H G H E T Y  
 Q H C B F M U B P J U G I T H R  
 N A S M G P S W M O F L R L C B  
 W L U O O H R F E Y A E D Z R K  
 G L S T D T E W D V C F D E U A  
 B E E Y F Q T W E X D V A S H Z  
 B L J T B K S I R L F S Y W C D  
 I U Y P G U A G O S P E L J L E  
 B I M M N R E M X P X R G V B X  
 L A R E S U R R E C T I O N Z H  
 E O Z N E Z F H A I S S E M T Z  
 A C T N S T Y M R O F S Y Y M I

Alleluia	Gospel	Redemption
Bible	Jesus Christ	Resurrection
Church	Joy	Third day
Cross	Lamb of God	Triumph
Easter Sunday	Messiah	
Empty tomb	New Life	

**Thought: The resurrection gives our lives meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what the circumstances.**  
 ~Robert Flatt

**On being a disciple**

The English word, disciple, is derived from the Latin, *discipulus*, meaning “a learner or pupil; one who accepts and follows a given doctrine or teacher” (*The Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, vol. 1:845). A disciple of Jesus Christ, therefore, is a person who accepts and follows His teachings. All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God and confess Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord are Christians and, by definition, disciples. A disciple is one who comes to the Lord’s table with open heart and hands, receives Christ’s body and blood and goes into the world to live as a servant of love and justice. A disciple believes that “to know [God] is eternal life and to serve [God] is perfect freedom” (*The Book of Common Prayer*). Being a disciple of Christ is a deep, personal experience of self-discovery, struggle, service and growth. While it is personal, the journey of discipleship is not private. Disciples do not walk alone with Christ. They walk with Him and the others He chooses. The journey of discipleship has a destination, that is, “perfection in love,” “holiness of heart and life,” and “having the mind of Christ.”

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