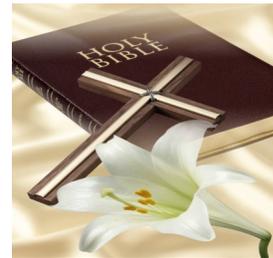


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## EDITORIAL: ROYAL FAMILY LINE

God gladly welcomes each person into His family at the point of accepting His gift of salvation. In fact, the scriptures record that “angels rejoice in the presence of God when a sinner repents” (Luke 15:10). As we are welcomed into the royal family of God, He transforms us—individually. Each person becomes a child and a son/daughter of God. These two transforming titles—child of God and son/daughter of God, place each of us into privileged positions. Each title speaks differently to the nature of our relationship with God our Father.

As a child of God, each of us become a member of the royal family and so become an heir and joint-heir with Christ Jesus (Rom 8:17). This simply means that each of us will share in the inheritance that the Lord has for all of His children. As a son/daughter of God, each of us shares in a function. This means that as a son or daughter of God, we each have royal rights, roles and responsibilities through the power of the Holy Spirit—to demonstrate the nature and character of God.

It is indeed a privileged position to be a part of the family of God—the royal family line. Let us treasure this legacy that we have—walking, talking and living as royalty and performing our God-given roles each day that we live.

*Dahlia Palmer, Chairperson  
Communications Committee*

### Basic Information Before Leaving Earth

The Bible is our rule book to guide us in our faith. God never guides His people contrary to the clear principles of His written Word. If you want to know God’s principles about life attend Bible Study as well and engage in personal reading of the Bible.



Our **CRUSADE** begins this evening at 7:00 p.m. under the theme **Seek Jesus Today Not tomorrow**

Please continue to be in prayer that souls will be saved; lives will be changed and God’s name will be praised!

Make the effort to invite and take someone to the crusade!!

### MAY REMINDERS

May	Child & Family Month
6th-13h	Crusade (7 pm nightly)
6th-11th	Education Week
9th	Teachers’ Day
13th	Mothers’ Day
18th	184th Anniversary of Emmanuel
23rd	Labour Day
27th	Pentecost Sunday

## CRUSADE 2012

at the Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Port Maria

# Seek Jesus Today!

not tomorrow.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near!  
(Isaiah 55:6)

Speaker:

## Bro. B. K. Ashley

May 6 - 13  
7 pm nightly

Do not delay! Respond to God’s Word today!

**NB:** To up-date the membership booklet for 2013, the Communications Committee will be taking pictures during the month of May.

## May Birthdays: May God’s blessings abound to you in every little way.



Lurline  
Edwards  
1st



Karlane  
McLean  
5th



Joycelyn  
Barnett  
15th



Shanae  
Campbell  
16th



Olivene  
McPherson  
17th



Verona  
Porter  
17th



Vivene  
Irvin  
18th



Jovan  
Thompson  
19th



Valrie  
Johnson  
20th



Pauline  
Smith  
22nd



Margaret  
McFarquhar  
24th



Gwendolyn  
Robinson  
28th



Lucan  
Scott  
28th



Carol  
Levers  
29th



Louise  
Plummer  
30th

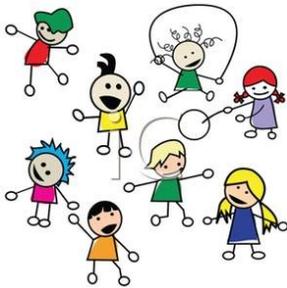


PLEASE **PRAY** FOR:

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. Percuss 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).

## LET US CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN



When we receive a gift, many of us—no matter how old we—twitch with some amount of excitement. Children are a gift from God—every single one of them and so we must feel excitement when they are around us. We must celebrate God's gift of children.

The poem below, highlights some things we can do to celebrate our children:

If I had my child to raise all over again,  
 I'd finger paint more, and point the finger less  
 I'd do less correcting, and more connecting  
 I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes  
 I would care to know less, and know to care more  
 I'd take more hikes and fly more kites  
 I'd stop playing serious, and start serious play  
 I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars  
 I'd do more hugging, and less tugging  
 I would be firm less often, and affirm much more  
 I'd build my child's dignity first, and the house... later  
 I'd teach less about love of power  
 and more about power of love.

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**Thanking our Teachers:** Teachers stand tall in helping to shape the destiny of many children. Many of us as adults can remember one teacher who encouraged and helped us to see our true potential. As we celebrate Teachers' Day this year, encourage your child/children to find simple opportunities to express thanks for the unending work of their teachers and let us follow as Ephesians 1:16 says let us not "... stop giving thanks for [teachers]."

**IN PRAISE OF MOTHERS:** There are many stories in the Bible of mothers who were considered to be remarkable: Sarah and Elizabeth became mothers at an advanced age; Hagar served as a surrogate mother; Naomi became a grandmother following a time of hardship and family distress; Hannah promised that she would dedicate her child to the LORD; the events surrounding the birth and boyhood of Jesus caused Mary to wonder; unnamed mothers made bold requests on behalf of their children; Lois and Eunice kept the faith alive and passed it along to Timothy—the next generation. These women were women of faith and courage and they honoured the Lord. They devoted their lives in service to God and to the care and nurturing of their families. They shared of themselves and of their resources; they loved, sacrificed, and took risks; they crossed socio-cultural boundaries and cried out for justice. They experienced heartache and loss but also knew the joy that came from putting hope and trust in the Lord God. These women represent the character of many mothers in our congregation. Each mother has her own struggles and so we offer up prayers for each mother in our church and community.

### PRAYERS FOR MOTHERS

- Faithful God, you never forget your promises. Bless all mothers and surround them in your love.
- Loving God, protect all mothers who may be in abusive and life-threatening situations. Provide for their needs, surround and shield them with your love, and guide them to places of safety.
- Merciful God, you alone can turn sorrow into joy. Console those mothers who are grieving. Sustain them in your love and fill their hearts with hope.
- Gracious God, you answer prayer. Hear the prayers of all mothers as they lift up their loved ones to you. For those mothers whose children are far from home, soothe their anxieties and fill their hearts with your peace.
- O God of hope, guide and sustain all mothers who are managing households. For those who may be struggling, pour out your blessings and provide for their needs. Lord Jesus, loving Saviour, look with favour upon all mothers. Grant them wisdom, and understanding as they nurture their children.
- Lord God, thank you for your Word. May it give light to all mothers as they guide their children along the path of life.

Adapted from: [http://www.americanbible.org/content/pdf/MothersoftheBible\\_\\_6\\_1\\_7244.pdf](http://www.americanbible.org/content/pdf/MothersoftheBible__6_1_7244.pdf)

**Thought: Do not miss the daily opportunities to tell your family members that you love them.**

*~ H. Jackson Brown (Jr.)*

**DID YOU KNOW**



... that the Port Maria Circuit has chickens on sale? Call the church's office at 994-2475, to place your order for chickens at a reasonable price!

Support the Circuit's project!

