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EDITORIAL: FOCUS ON YOUTHS



As the Month of May comes to a close it is important that we do not limit ourselves to recognizing the importance of our children only during this month. As we watch our children grow we often encourage and celebrate with them as they pass various milestones in their lives such as their graduation or achievement in various examinations whether GSAT, CAPE or otherwise. As a church family we expect the best from youths within our church and are quick to grant assistance in order to continue and promote a trend of high performance. **But here is a question to consider: Is this the same with our youths who are "underachievers"? or have lost faith in the Word? or even those who have wandered away from the presence of God?**

Although there is no general handbook for successful child rearing, it is crucial that as a church we continue to show keen interest in our youths especially those who have stopped worshipping with us, rarely worship with us or even distance themselves from church functions and or activities. We must not turn a blind eye towards our youths who have strayed for whatever reason; and neither should we be judgmental.

Show that you still care for our young people whether or not they are still in church as your attitude will play a vital role as to whether they return or not and even more importantly whether those who

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CHILD'S MONTH by Davia Dennis

As we know May is child's month. This is a month where we should love and care for our children because they are the country's future. Get involved in your child's life; take time out and schedule activities for you and your child to spend quality time together. Hug your child more than three times a day; commend your child on the good work because it brings up the self-esteem in your child's life. **A verse to meditate on:** Let no man despise thy youth but let them grow in speech, love, unity, peace, honesty and faith (1 Timothy 6:2)



MAY REMINDERS

May Child's & Family Month
31st Sex Talk (Family month activity)

Get involved in the family month activities scheduled for May and June. Take as many family members to these activities!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2 Renewal of Marriage Vows
June 9 Circuit Convention (Oxford)



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: Port Maria Class: Sis. Audrey Maxwell; Sis. Emma Scarlette-Grant; Sis. Ionie Thomas; Trinity Class: Sis. Inez Graham; Sis. Percess Scott; Valerie Melbourne; Sis. Loretta Reid; Mason Hall Class: Bro. Thomas Bennett; Sis. Gwendolyn Byfield; Stennett Street Class: Bro. Archibald Henry Galina Class: Sis. Daphne Reid; Sis. Violet Daley; Sis. Edwards; Cox Street Class: Sis. Georgina Peart; Bro. Lucan Scott; Sis. Adassa Reddie.

May Birthdays: God's unfailing love will always be yours!



Lurline Edwards 1st



Karlane McLean 5th



Joycelyn Barnett 15th



Shanae Campbell 16th



Olivene McPherson 17th



Emmanuel Baptist 18th



Vivene Irvin 18th



Jovan Thompson 19th



Valrie Johnson 20th



Pauline Smith 22nd



Margaret McFarquhar 24th



Shakira Sinclair 24th



Gwendolyn Robinson 28th



Lucan Scott 28th



Carol Levers 29th



Louise Plummer 30th

are still with us stay or leave. If upon reading this editorial your mind rests upon a young person who is no longer involved at Emmanuel Baptist Church call, text or visit with this person as soon as possible.

Sis. Zonika Tracey

Thought:

Youth is happy because it has the ability to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty, never grows old. ~Franz Kafka

Family Feature month

We focus on persons who once attended Emmanuel. We ask them to share their fond memories of Emmanuel and to say what impact—people or programme—had on them while they were here.

CONROY RAMSAY:

I started attending Emmanuel Baptist Church when I was about age ten. My foster mother, Mrs Hyacinth Bryan, brought me and it was simply fun. It was a great place to be!



The first time I was asked to join the choir, I was really nervous, but pretty soon I was part of the fabric of the church—particularly it's music team. I was a part of the praise and worship team and I played the drums. Also, I joined the youth fellowship and was part of the youth choir. These were wonderful moments for me; wonderful moments in my life.

The friendships I formed at Emmanuel church—what can I say? I'll just say thank you all. Special thanks to Christopher Smith and Mr. Bruce Wedderburn for the musical influence they had on my life. Thanks also to, for me, one of the greatest teachers of all time, Reverend Glenroy Michael Loror and to Mrs Loror.



Thank you to Emmanuel Baptist for the foundation you've set for me. Your principles still keep me to this day!

Issues Affecting Youths by Durie Daley

Christian and non-Christian youths face many issues from time to time. These involve: peer pressure, not being able to acquire a job after completing studies, choice of friends or partners, sexual immorality, and lack of good parental guidance. Christian youths do not get away from these issues because Satan has set out to destroy God's followers daily. Therefore we have to read and study God's Words and be faithful in our relationship with him. In doing so, we will trust God more and be able to use our Faith as a Shield, our Salvation as a Helmet and the Word of God as our Sword to combat Satan's doing (Ephesians 6, v16-17). When Christian youths live exemplary lives that God desires, they will be able to reach out to non-Christian youths and help them to discover the truth about God's goodness and His faithfulness by studying His Words and trusting Him to help them in dealing with the issues they face. Youths, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding, In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path" (Proverbs 3, v5-6).



YOUTHS by Toni-Ann Townsend

Youths are considered to be the ones committing the crimes

The big grade tens an the likkle grade nines

Sum a dem guh a skool fi spar wid dem fren

While sum a dem guh an tek dem lesson well

Sum a dem talk ina class an don't participate

Wen teecha ask dem a question dem caan ansa

Well, I have something to say:

Youths, we mus tek in our lessons

So we can be something in life

You hear mi youths?



FAMILY MONTH ACTIVITIES:

Theme: love Embraces All

Sex Talk
there's a session for everyone



FRIDAY
MAY 31, 2013
6:30 p.m.

- for children
 - FOR YOUTHS
 - for singles (never married)
 - For singles (divorced/widowed)
 - for Couples

Don't forget your colour!

We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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