



EDITORIAL: LOVE - A MATTER OF THE HEART

The strong feeling that a person has for family or friend or the enjoyment that a person gets from another or the state of being overly happy are all captured in one word—love!. Love has different meaning to different persons and it differs from heart to heart. Yet, love is a critical ingredient in life and it is at the heart of everything that we do.

The need to be loved is exceptionally strong in all human beings. From childhood to old age, humans want to be loved by those around them. Love connects people in the strongest of ways. It produces care and concern, without which no one would take the responsibility of looking after others. Love makes the difficulties of life bearable, and helps to ease the struggles of life.

Love resides in the heart and it can only grow and develop in a wholesome way if Christ Jesus—the author of love—also resides in our hearts.

As we continue to reflect on our family relationships during the month of June—and beyond—love must be at the heart of how we react and respond to each other. At the end of life, what really matters is love—it is indeed a matter of the heart!

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REACHING THE LOST

Many of us as Christians spend a considerable amount of time in meetings, planning and making preparations for varied events to cater to the needs of the members of Churches. The same is true about making plans for our personal lives. While these are important things to do, sadly, the same amount of energy is not given to reaching lost souls for Christ—which is the essential task that Christ mandated us to do. A similar attitude is mentioned in the Bible in the parables of the lost coin and sheep (*St. Luke 15*). In these parables, although the focus was on lost things, the owners actions were similar to our own (as mentioned above), that is, a lot of time and effort were spent finding the things. This point may sound like an attempt to make us feel guilty; actually the point is being made to

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CONDOLENCES

Our Bro. Renford Daniels has passed away. We give God thanks for his time here with us. Please be in prayer for the family as they go through this period of loss.



Also, be in prayer for Sis. Dafflyn Campbell who lost her sister.



JUNE REMINDERS

- June Beginning of Hurricane Season
- 2nd Disaster Awareness Sunday
- 6th Caribbean Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 9th Circuit Convention (Oxford)
- 9th BWA Youth World Day of Prayer
- 16th Fathers' Day
- 22nd Men's Conference (Ocho Rios)
- 23rd Evangelism Open Air Meeting
- 23rd Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Sunday
- 28th Open Day & Health Fair
- 30th Exchange of Pulpit

Family Month Activities

- 2nd Renewal of Marriage Vows
- 14th Communication within the home (Dramatic presentation)
- 29th Competition Evening & Games

Your colour earns points for your group!

Up-coming Events

- July 14th Harvest Thanksgiving & Ingathering Services

June Wedding Anniversaries



June 7th
Annette & Winston Tracey
celebrate 16 years of marriage



June 19th
Claudette & Victor Taylor
celebrate 13 years of marriage



June 22nd
Sherlette & Rupert Whilby
celebrate 36 years of marriage



June 25th
Winsome & Gregory James
celebrate 8 years of marriage

REMINDER

Do we have your picture on file? If not, we have extended the deadline for you to submit your pictures to be included in the Anniversary Magazine.

Please submit your pictures to Sis. Dahlia Palmer by June 16th.

June Birthdays: May blessings abound to you!



Dave Campbell
1st



Leonard Bucknor
9th



Micol Israel
9th



Marilyn Melvin
11th



Veronica Allen
13th



Daphne Reid
17th



Karlene Wedderburn
20th



Pauline Brown
23rd



Leroy Corey
25th



Joslyn Spence
26th



Beverly Peddlar
26th



Nicola Nagheer
26th

change our attitudes.

If we spend so much time on these matters, shouldn't we also expend time for people who are spiritually lost? Shouldn't we exhibit the same efforts, and perseverance for the lost as we do in searching for things and in planning varied events? We should!! The point of all of this is to remind us as Christians of how we should respond to the spiritually lost because Christ has mandated us to take the good news of salvation to those who are lost.

As we seek to engage in another open air meeting, let us start from now, with a heart of compassion for the lost, to engage in continuous prayer for their souls; let us make the necessary preparations and let us put into effect, these plans and then let us proclaim the Word of God to those who so desperately need to hear it.

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.

LUKE SHAW:

Emmanuel - A Family away from home

On the 22nd September 1975 at the age of nine I came to Jamaica for the first time leaving my parents in Belize. My sister Marjorie the eldest of my siblings had come to Jamaica before and was working as a teacher in Galina, St. Mary. I and two other sisters, just a few years older than me, lived with her. She attended the Emmanuel Baptist Church and we joined her. Emmanuel became a family away from home for us. The Emmanuel Baptist Church family impacted my life greatly. The fellowship and ministry there played a significant role in my spiritual growth and formation as well as in the call of God upon my life to serve in the pastoral ministry. I never felt that I did not belong in the church family. The memories of the fellowship shared, guidance and care offered and opportunities to serve and grow in Christ will never be forgotten. It was a blessing to have experienced the pastoral guidance of Revds. Heckford Sharpe, Harry Jarrett and Joseph Anderson along with their families. They all made me feel special along with my Sunday school teachers and deacons.



(For the full story, get a copy of the Anniversary Magazine)

Family Month Theme: Love Embraces All

On Friday, May 31, 2013, the first session in the family life activities (Sex Talk & Sexuality) was held. From feedback, all the sessions were good. The points standing so far:

- Children (green) - 20 points
- Youths (red) - 13 points
- Singles (yellow) - 16 points
- Couples (blue) - 30 points
- The next event will be on Friday, June 14th. Be out in your numbers and colours to earn points for your group!!

SINGLE VS MARRIED

The question of a Christian staying single and what the Bible says about believers never marrying is often misunderstood. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 7: 7-8: *"I wish that all men were as I am. But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am."* Notice that he says

some have the gift of singleness and some the gift of marriage. Although it seems that nearly everyone marries, it is not necessarily God's will for everyone. Paul, for example, did not have to worry about the extra problems and stresses that come with marriage and/or family. He devoted his entire life to spreading the Word of God. He would not have been such a useful messenger if he had been married.

On the other hand, some persons are called to be married and they do better as a team, serving God as a couple and a family. Both kinds of people are equally important. It is not a sin to remain single nor is it a crime to get married. The most important thing in life is serving God.

(Adapted from: <http://www.gotquestions.org/single-Christian.html>)

Thought:

The best coverage for the storms of life, is being under the wings of Jesus Christ.

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.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please:

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