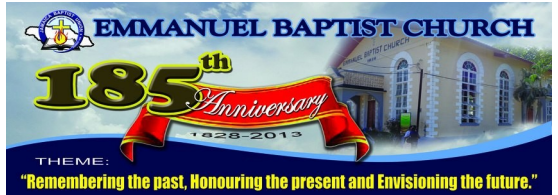




EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, PORT MARIA, ST. MARY

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## EDITORIAL: CELEBRATE YOUR FAMILY

Since the start of May, as a church we have been focusing on the family—through the sermons, family life activities and some articles in the newsletters. One important event that has taken place during our family month focus is that we were able to rejoice together as a family in celebrating our 185th Anniversary. Celebration is an act of worship unto the Lord. Celebration is recorded all through the Bible. People celebrated all kinds of things (feast of wheats, first fruits, ingathering, passover). All our celebrations should point to Christ.

When we celebrate, it gives us opportunity to remember the goodness of God in helping us to achieve a particular milestone, no matter how simple it may appear to us—completion of the first month of study; being able to exercise for 30 minutes; paying off the furniture bill without penalty—they are all reasons for celebration. Each time we accomplish and celebrate, we can acknowledge God's hand in the midst.

As a family, it is critically important for us to celebrate with family members because the things we celebrate in life leave a lasting impression on our hearts and minds and they become an intimate part of us. Celebrations demonstrate the love in our hearts, and it is a means of displaying our affections.

As we conclude our family life focus today it does not mean the end of focussing on our families—rather, it is a time to refocus; look within your families and identify something or someone to celebrate and give God thanks for your family. Go—celebrate your family!!

*Dahlia Palmer, Chair  
Communications Committee*

## JUNE REMINDERS

30th Exchange of Pulpit

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 13 St. Mary Baptist Association  
Fun Day at Richmond Oval
- July 14 Harvest Thanksgiving Service

## Attention!

If you wish to order a copy of the **Anniversary/Souvenir Magazine**, you must give your name to Sis. Dahlia Palmer as soon as possible and **make a deposit of \$500 no later than Sunday, July 7**. The cost of the magazine will be \$1,000. The Magazine will be printed based on orders—so place your order today!!

Also, today, Sunday June 30 is the last date for submitting your pictures to be included in the Magazine.

## EXCHANGE OF PULPIT

In an effort to share with and forge fellowship among churches, the St. Mary Baptist Association engages in what is termed "Exchange of pulpit Sunday". This takes place each year on the last Sunday in June. Today, two persons from the Port Maria Circuit are sharing at other churches. Please be in prayer for these two persons as well as for all the other persons who will be sharing in this fashion. The two persons from the Circuit are:

Dea. Norman Brown - Mt. Angus Baptist

Dea. Earle Irvin - Wallingford Baptist

## June Birthdays: May blessings abound to you!



Dave Campbell  
1st



Leanord 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

## June Wedding Anniversaries



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



June 7th  
Lurline & Micol Israel  
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

Today is the final Sunday of our *Family Month Feature* for 2013. The Communications Committee thanks those who offered suggestions for persons to be interviewed. We were not able to feature all the persons who were suggested. Nevertheless, we trust that you were enlightened by those who were featured.

## Family Feature

This year 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.

Since there was no publication on June 9, today we will focus on two persons

### GLESTER HYLTON:

I attended the Emmanuel Baptist church during the late 1970's into the 1980's. At Emmanuel, I enjoyed attending Youth Fellowship and singing with the Youth Choir. Also, I enjoyed going to the youth camps. The services that I really enjoyed were the Youth Sundays because the youths were in charge and got an opportunity to present their. I also really liked the Fathers' Day Sunday Services.

I stopped attending Emmanuel because I went to work in Kingston. I stayed in Kingston until the 1990's. When I returned to St. Mary I visited Emmanuel about two times but I have no particular reason why I have not returned. The persons who have had a significant impact on my life while at Emmanuel are Mrs. Plummer and Mrs. V. Irvin.

### WE ARE A PRIVILEGED PEOPLE

*A 15-year prison sentence was given to a woman and her seven children by an Egyptian court for converting to Christianity. A criminal court in the central Egyptian city of Beni Suef meted out the shocking sentence. Nadia Mohamed Ali, who was raised a Christian, converted to Islam when she married Mohamed Abdel-Wahhab Mustafa, a Muslim, 23 years ago. He later died, and his widow planned to convert her family back to Christianity in order to obtain an inheritance from her family. She sought the help of others in the registration office to process new identity cards between 2004 and 2006. When the conversion came to light under the new regime, Nadia, her children and even the clerks who processed the identity cards were all sentenced to prison.*

We are a privileged people - we can embrace Christianity without fear of being locked up!!

**PLEASE 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; Sis. Emma Scarlette-Grant; Sis. Ionie Thomas; Sis. Inez Graham; Sis. Percess Scott; Valerie Melbourne; Sis. Loretta Reid; Bro. Thomas Bennett; Sis. Gwendolyn Byfield; Bro. Archibald Henry; Sis. Daphne Reid; Sis. Violet Daley; Sis. Edwards; Sis. Georgina Peart; Bro. Lucan Scott; Sis. Adassa Reddie.

### VIVIENNE ANDERSON:

I would say that I started attending Emmanuel before I was born. I was christened by Rev. Heckford Sharpe.



During the early period of my life, it was my mother Millicent Anderson who took me to church.

My memories of Emmanuel include going to Sunday School. It was good



Millicent Anderson

and we had to memorize Bible verses and recite them as a group. Youth Fellowship was good because at the time the group of young people who were there communicated very well and there was a bond and we were there for each other—and some of us are still friends and are there for each other even today. Youth camps had some very uplifting moments spiritually. The other thing I really enjoyed was being involved in sports particularly as a circuit. During the Easter period we would compete among the other circuits—not only in sports but also in singing. In the later years, I became involved in drama and that was also a memorable experience for me.

The persons who have had a great impact on me are the Lalors. Aunty Joy also played a part because she was always there for the young people.

Emmanuel has given me my foundation and I wouldn't say that I have stopped attending—I just have not attended for a while.



### Thought:

**When you lift and strengthen others, you will see your testimony develop; your testimony will increase when you do as God commands.**

~Anonymous

**We welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please:**

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