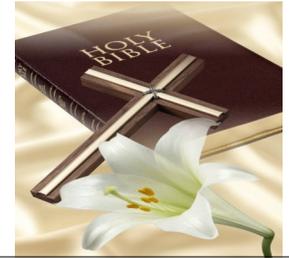


# E-EMMANUEL



## DECEMBER REMINDERS

- 1st World AIDS Day
- 6th Circuit Officers' Meeting
- 8th Circuit Carol Service
- 25th Christmas Morning Service
- 26th Boxing Day
- 29th Christmas Sunday
- 29th Christmas Concert
- 31st Watch Night Service

The Youth in any aspect of society is regarded as the future. However, as believers of Christ we tend to forget the importance of our youths in and around our church. They help to chart the way forward and are entrusted with the awesome task of one day becoming astute visionaries and leaders of our country. It is no different at The Emmanuel Baptist Church Fellowship as Youths are afforded the opportunity to unearth our true potential and to recognize that we have talents which must be explored so we too can become great Christians teachers and leaders in the Baptist fraternity and the world at large.

The new church year began in September and the youths selected their officers to represent them as follow:

- Sis Tamoya Young – President
- Sis Valrie Johnson- Secretary
- Sis Shadell Brown- Treasurer

We also have a new coordinator in Sis M. Taylor-Stewart and Sis Zonika Tracey who assist her. Both individuals facilitate our ideas and support us greatly through their suggestions and encouragement. Deacon Louise Plummer (Auntie Joy) currently works with the juniors to get them active in the Church's ministry from an early age. The Youth Fellowship is very inclusive and warmly welcomes visitors from the community to our meetings held every Saturdays at 4pm. This is one way of encouraging youths who are not members and regular visitors to Emmanuel to fellowship with us, as our ultimate goal is to enable youths to become involved in the life of the church through evangelism and mission.

The activities in the fellowship are stimulating and *(cont'd overleaf)*

### Highlights

Congratulations to Miss Kimberly Stewart for successfully completing her course of studies and graduating from the UWI with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. We continue to pray for her as she awaits her regional examinations to venture into the world of work

We mourn the loss of a dear shut in member Sis. Percess Scott. She was a member of the Trinity class and resided in Preston. Be in prayer for the family as they mourn the loss of Sis. Scott.



Please remember and pray for the family of Bro. Bennett from Mason Hall and we hope that he will return safely home.

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What's going on in your class? Anything new, exciting, funny, different or even ordinary happening in your class and you want to share it with the church family? Contact the church office at 994-2475 or speak with Sis. Nora, Zonika or Shadell.

### December Birthdays:



Mark Campbell  
7th



Linda Hines  
10th



Earle Irvin  
11th



Joan Green  
12th



Gwendolyn Byfield  
17th



Janet McCarthy  
17th



Rockeisha Barnett  
18th



Oshane Barnett  
19th



Sylvester Barnett  
20th



Rose Freckleton  
24th



Larkland Peart  
25th



Winsome James  
26th



Audrey Maxwell  
28th

engaging which include Bible Study, discussions on burning issues faced by youths, games among others; which are geared to cater to the spiritual, emotional, social and physical needs of the youths. At Youth Fellowship we currently have an average of fifteen (15) active members present. At the moment the executive members are engaging in strategies by which we can get more youths to attend our meetings by means of distribution of permission slips to them. In a recent survey approximately thirty (30) youths attend church. So my question is "Where are the Youths?"

Our vision speaks to the creation of a Christ centered organization supported by highly motivated and encouraging church family and leaders. This will empowered members to unearth their true potential, display Godly characteristics, maintain a personal relationship with God and become well-rounded youth leaders in a constantly changing society yet still being motivated to diligently serve the church and society in various capacities.

The JBUYD 29<sup>th</sup> National Youth Rally and Conference was held November 21- 23. The Conference was an enriching venture which deepen my knowledge to return to my home church and display all that was taught in making my youth fellowship a well grounded and established organization for other youths. The Rally was rather empowering where three members represented us in Zone 4 "Choral Singing", where the choir was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of five. We congratulate Shamar Brown, Tanesha Holness and Joel Jackson for a job well done. Youths who were in attendance had the opportunity of meeting and interacting with other Baptist Youths.

We are excited and prepared to make a difference in our lives and the church. As the year 2014 approach we greet it with the commitment that "I can make a difference, together we can make a difference". The Word I leave with you is 1 Timothy 4:12 (KJV) "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" and 1 John 2:14 (NIV) I write to you, dear children because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

*Prepared by Sis Tamoya Young  
(President, Youth Fellowship)*

**Remember to pray for and visit with 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. Valerie Melbourne; Sis. Loretta Reid; Bro. Thomas Bennett; Sis. Gwendolyn Byfield; Bro. Archibald Henry; Sis. Daphne Reid; Sis. Violet Daley; Sis. Georgina Peart; Bro. Lucan Scott; Sis. Adassa Reddie.

#### **Christmas Flower Fact: The Poinsettia**

The Poinsettia is indigenous to Mexico and they nickname the plant "*Flor de la Noche Buena*" which means the Flower of Christmas Eve. The plant was brought to the USA by Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett who was America's first ambassador to Mexico (1825-1829). The plant was named in his honour in 1826. The plant is available in white, pink and dappled varieties. They are awesome for Christmas gifts and decorations.



#### **Bible Trivia!**

What did Sarah do when God told her she would have a son?

- A. Fainted      B. Laughed      C. Cried

On what day did God create Adam and Eve?

- A. The Sixth      B. The First      C. The Seventh

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