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EDITORIAL: POWER OF THE TONGUE

Once, a chief told one of his servants to bring him the best meat from the market. The servant brought him a tongue. The next day the chief told the servant to bring him the worst meat from the market. The servant brought a tongue again. "What?" the chief said. "When I ask for the best meat, you bring a tongue and then you bring the same thing for the worst meat." The servant said, "Sometimes a man is very unhappy because of his tongue and sometimes his tongue makes him very happy."

The first account of Holy week as recorded in the Bible, is a reminder of how bitter and sweet the tongue is. On Palm Sunday, the people used their tongues to offer songs of praise and worship to Jesus, proclaiming Him as their Lord and King; by the end of the week, the same crowd used their tongues to hurl insults and shouted for Christ to be crucified.

James 3 speaks of the power of the tongue for both good and evil. In this chapter, James emphasizes the fact that our tongue is part of our witness before the world and other Christians—yet one minute our tongue can yield to God, and the next minute we use it to offend and cause hurt and harm to others. Out of the same mouth can come blessing and cursing.

Holy Week did not end on a sad note; Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross demonstrated His love and power, and conquered the evil words that were shouted at Him. The good news for us today is that we can yield our tongue to God and His Word and in doing so have power over our tongue.

Sis. Dahlia Palmer
Chairperson, Communications

March Birthdays: May God's awesome blessings always find you!



Shadel
Brown
1st



Gregory
Walsh
1st



Doris
Nelson
3rd



Novlette
Barnett
5th



Nesta
Spence
6th



Esther
Sahti
8th



Lousie
Scarlett
12th



Adassa
Reddie
15th



Alpha
Hibbert
17th



Ena
Rhoden
20th



Shamar
Brown
23rd



Tanesha
Holness
23rd



Dafflyn
Campbell
26th



Trevelyn
Williams
28th

MARCH REMINDERS

9th	Prayer Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)
17th	Sunday School Anniversary
24th	Palm Sunday (& March)
24-28th	Holy Week
29th	Good Friday Service (12 noon)
31st	Easter Sunday & Concert

CONDOLENCES

Our Sis. Icilda Slyfield passed away last week. We give God thanks for her long life on earth in service to God. Be in prayer for the family as they mourn the passing of mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt.



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:

Port Maria Class: Sis. Audrey Maxwell; Sis. Emma Scarlette Grant; **Trinity Class:** Sis. Inez Graham; Sis. Valerie Melbourne; Sis. Percuss Scott; **Mason Hall Class:** Bro. Thomas Bennett; Sis. Ivy Clemetson; **Stennett Street:** Bro. Archibald Henry; **Galina:** Sis. Daphne Reid; Sis. Violet Daley; Sis. Edwards; **Cox Street Class:** Sis. Georgina Peart; Bro. Lucan Scott; Sis. Adassa Reddie.



Palm Sunday

Find the Hidden Word

Word Bank

Jerusalem
Disciples
Village
Donkey
Master
Jesus
Cloaks
People
Road
Hosanna
David
Palm
Olives
Glory
Colt

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Good Friday Reflection

From the crown of our heads to our feet, Jesus feels and understands our every pain because He too experienced pain. The pain He experienced was far more excruciating than that we might even feel.

Jesus was wounded all over His body. He was wounded on the head. Jesus was given a crown of thorns. The crown of thorns was driven into his head as he was beaten with rods. Jesus' hands were also wounded as nails were driven through His wrists nailing Him to the cross. His back received wounds as well. He was flogged with a whip designed to cause the greatest amount of trauma in the shortest amount of time. The whip used on Jesus ripped and tore at His flesh with each strike; and at the end of the whipping He had to carry the heavy wooden cross—on His back. Jesus' feet were wounded. They were also nailed to the cross—fixed across each other. No human body could survive such brutal wounds—and Jesus died. To ensure that He was dead, Jesus was pierced in the side with a spear.

A crown of thorn is no appeal for One proclaimed to be King; we rejected Him because He came without jewels in His crown; yet Jesus is King of the world and is sitting at the throne of His Father in all His glory. The blooded hands is not becoming of a ruler, yet those nail-pierced hands, direct and guide us from day-to-day—He rules in the affairs of men and women. The bent, bruised back does not reflect one in authority yet, the burdens He carried—that of the cross and our sins—tell that He is a Saviour who is in absolute authority even to forgive us of our sins. His feet pinned to the cross did not reflect a leader able to mobilize His followers. Yet Jesus is Omnipresent—He is everywhere, marshalling His followers to proclaim His love everywhere. His entire wounded body did not reflect royalty yet Christ rose from the dead in glory as King with absolute authority, ruling over all the earth.

Good Friday is one of those days when we would rather turn our head – perhaps flee. It is so much easier to go from the hosannas of Palm Sunday to the alleluias of Easter morning – to just skip the difficult part. But, on Good Friday, Jesus, truly suffered and died on the cross for us; he suffered and died for us in the sense of sharing and experiencing the burden and pain of our sin and guilt such that he tastes the deepest darkness, desolation, and pains ever imaginable. In so doing he overcomes and destroys at its root the power of sin and guilt in our lives. This must be the focus of our reflection for Good Friday.

Thought:

Love is the grand motive of the plan of salvation.

PALM SUNDAY MARCH

Palm Sunday will be celebrated on March 24. As a church, we will march with palms, sing songs, pray and proclaim God's peace in St. Mary and Port Maria and its environs in particular. Let us turn our swords into plowshares—as declared at the JBU Assembly.

WHERE: From WARNER STREET to Emmanuel
TIME: To Be Announced

Wear comfortable shoes and clothing!

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Be in prayer

We need to be in prayer even as we celebrate 185 years of Baptist witness.

Let's be at the Prayer Breakfast and let us all pray!

TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2013:

With all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Here are ten predictions to settle your mind:

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth..
3. The Holy Spirit will still move..
4. God will still honour the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

It is great to remember Who is really in control, and to know that; "The Word of the Lord endures forever." (1 Peter 1:25)

(Contributed by Dea. G. Robinson)