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EDITORIAL: SUNDAY SCHOOL—SPECIAL EDITION

As we attempt to evaluate the Sunday School, we must reflect on our past. Over these 185 years the structure of the building has thrived but the big question is *“Has the Church been consistently faithful in effective Bible instruction that equips students for everyday life?”*

There is the belief that a strong Sunday School is vital in building a strong church that is built on the fundamental truths in God’s Word. St. Matthew 6 tells us to seek first God’s Kingdom and His righteousness and all good things will be given to us. Therefore, as people of God celebrating 185 years of Christian witness in Port Maria and its environs our objective ought to be, under God, to evangelise and win souls for His Kingdom.

185 years is a tremendous achievement that is worthy of joyful celebration. Nonetheless as we focus on our Sunday School we should waste no time in calling the members of Emmanuel to rise up and avail themselves to sound biblical teaching thus embracing the value of our Sunday School. In this age when we are bombarded daily with every form of religious education, if we fail to spend time in God’s word and sound interpretation, we run the risk of being consumed and confused by false doctrines. Let us, therefore, study to show ourselves approved (2 Tim. 2:15).

Perhaps it will be good for us to declare the 2013/2014 period the

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MARCH REMINDERS

- 17th Sunday School Anniversary
- 24th Palm Sunday (& March)
- 24-28th Holy Week
- 29th Good Friday Service (12 noon)
- 31st Easter Sunday & Concert

Sunday School Exam Report

The Christian Education Department of the Jamaica Baptist Union is responsible for organizing the annual Sunday School examinations. The exams are held the fourth Sunday in October of each year.

The Emmanuel Baptist Sunday School has been participating in the Sunday School exams for several years. The 2012 period was no different and there was a slight increase in the number of our students who sat the JBU Examinations during that period.

Twenty six students sat the exams. Commendations are in order for the Younger Children as all four students received honours with Kael Hidalgo gaining 90%. Eight students gained credit, nine gained passed and five students were given certificate of participation.

Congratulations to all students who studied and made the effort to remember the lessons that were taught to them. Many thanks to the teachers who prepared the students for the exams.

It is hoped that for the 2013 exams, more students, from ALL the classes will attempt to sit the exams.

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 Sahiti
8th



Lousie Scarlett
12th



Una Thomas
13th



Adassa Reddie
15th



Phylis Henry
17th



Alpha Hibbert
17th



Ena Rhoden
20th



Shamar Brown
23rd



Tanesha Holness
23rd



Dafflyn Campbell
26th



Trevelyn Williams
28th

“Year of the Sunday School” where we focus our resources and efforts on training effective Sunday School teachers, so that we build our body. Your help is needed in this effort as a strong Sunday School will contribute to a strong church.

My brothers and sisters I encourage each of you to stand with us and invest in the strength of your church by building your Sunday School. We are living in troubling times, and must stand on the truth of God’s Word and equip our constituents to know and learn that truth. We can do this together, but it starts with YOU!

I thank God for His divine direction in this endeavor, and we anticipate God’s blessings upon us all

*Sis. Dafflyn Campbell
Sunday School Superintendent*

COMMITTED TO THE TASK

The Emmanuel Baptist Sunday School wants to place on record, our sincere thanks to Sis Violet Daley for the sterling contributions she made to the Sunday School. Sis. Daley was always punctual for Sunday School and was committed to preparing and giving her all in teaching the Adult Female Class.

We encourage members to continue to pray for Sis. Daley and for her family members who are caring for her.

The Sunday School wishes to express thanks to Deacon Alpha Hibbert who has volunteered and has been assisting Sis. Fay Dixon with the Adult Female Class.



Thought:

Children are an heritage of the Lord!

We welcome your ideas
and suggestions:

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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. Percess 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.

Members of the Sunday School Team

The Emmanuel Church gives commendation to all the Sunday School teachers for their contribution and pray God’s richest blessings on them.

The teachers as follow:

Beginners:

- Pauline Tennant-Smith and Tania Johnson-Richards

Younger Children:

- Nesta King-Spence and Janet Corey

Older Children:

- Vivene Irvin

Youth:

- Dafflyn Campbell and Margaret McFarquhar

Adult Male:

- Leroy Corey

Adult Female:

- Fay Dixon and Alpha Hibbert

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!