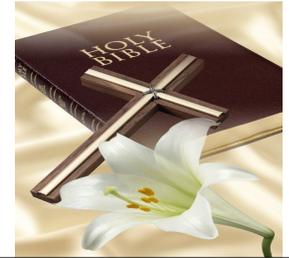


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EDITORIAL:

“Christmas is coming and the fowl is getting fat...” Well I think by now the fowl has been eaten but nonetheless, Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you are all as excited as I am, having lived to see another day—a new day in a new year. With this New Year comes new hope, new expectations and in some cases new anxieties and fears. Although uncertainty looms ahead we can rest assured that God will guide us daily if we allow Him.

Everyday is different and as the days go by and changes come into effect, Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever*”. There is no reason to fear for God is already paving the way for you to successfully make it through this year. *The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged*” (Deut.31:8 NIV). God’s plans for you are to prosper you and to bless you! Well if that’s what God has in store for each of us, no doubt about it He will be stepping with us through this new year.

You may have made plans for 2014 that still have not materialized but, don’t worry! Every day brings new opportunities for you. Our heavenly Father already knows the desires of your heart and will never leave His job unfinished. He will deliver on His promises.

My wish for you all is a God filled 2015.

Sis. Zonika Tracey
Chair, Communications

**To all our members, visitors
and friends:**

**HAVE A BLESSED
NEW YEAR 2015**

JANUARY REMINDERS

- 4th-9th Believers’ Enrichment Week
- 25th Circuit Convention (Emmanuel)
- 31st Prayer Breakfast

Ministry Spotlight

Have you ever considered being a part of a church ministry? Well in this newsletter edition we focus our attention on the Ushering Ministry. Could this be the ministry for you? Not sure, well, Sis. Annette Tracey, Chair of the Ushers’ Committee, gives us some details that may help you to decide.

What is the purpose of the Ushering Ministry? This ministry mainly serves to be the first point of contact with visitors to our church in order to make them feel welcomed. Ushers also seat our visitors so they are not left searching for somewhere to sit. The ushers are also responsible for the collection of the weekly tithes and offering.

Why is this ministry important? Ushers make a difference in the whole worship experience for our visitors because when they

January Birthdays: *May God grant you peace always!*



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| Florence Hemmings 1st | Tamoya Young 5th | Gloria Boland 7th | Norman Brown 12th | Winsome Johnson 16th | Eulalee Ricketts 17th | Nella Murray 18th |
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| Zedekiah Gordon 19th | Donna Brown 22nd | Vernal Allen 24th | Jacqueline McPherson 24th | Cordella Morgridge 26th | Valerie Melbourne 29th | Julette Stewart 29th |
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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:

Sisters:

Violet Daley
Inez Graham
Emma Grant
Audrey Maxwell
Valerie Melbourne
Doris Nelson
Georgina Peart
Adassa Reddie

Loretta Reid
Keziah Spence
Ionie Thomas

Brothers:

Thomas Bennett
Leonard Martin

feel welcome this may cause them to return. Members are also greeted which makes them feel special Sunday after Sunday.

What are the duties of an Usher? Duties include (but are not limited to): welcoming and seating visitors; collecting the weekly tithes and offering; opening and closing up the building before and after special events & functions (e.g. Funerals); monitoring use of the bathroom and water cooler; and rendering assistance to visitors and members who need it.

How can interested persons become a part of the Ushering Ministry?

You must first be a member of the church and possess qualities of a servant, that is, you must be polite, hospitable and dedicated. Also, if you believe you are ready to serve you can indicate your willingness to Sis. Annette Tracey.

New Years Wishes

New Years Eve is viewed as a time of rebirth, a chance to start afresh. Millions of people around the world make what we call New Year's resolutions, often positive changes or initiatives on which to embark. More than often these promises are never fulfilled so, instead of resolutions we asked a few members their wishes for 2015, here are their responses:



Gloria Boland: I wish for prosperity and health and I want to continue giving my best to help others. I also want to play my part in contributing to the growth of the church.



Oral Campbell: I want to see growth within the various church ministries along with greater involvement of our members in the life of the church.



Jae-Ann Bennett: I wish for a phone.



Tania Johnson-Richards: A continued close knitted relationship with the Lord and that all men would come to the realization that Jesus Christ is Lord.



Zedekiah Gordon: I want to get closer to Christ and continue to spread His words to unbelievers.

Test Your Mental Ability

1. Ten birds were sitting in a tree, a hunter shot one, How many birds are left in the tree?
2. How many sides does a circle have?
3. Which is heavier 100 lbs of rocks or 100 lbs of feathers?
4. What word in English is always spelt incorrectly?
5. A plane crashes on the border of Canada and the USA, where would you bury the survivors?
6. Say "Roast", Now say "most", ok what do you put in a toaster?
7. You are running in a race and you dash across the finish line just before the person in second place, what place did you finish?

- Answers**
1. None- the rest flew away.
 2. 2- inside and outside
 3. Neither, the both weight 100lbs.
 4. Incorrectly
 5. You don't bury survivors
 6. Bread
 7. 2nd place- you passed the person in 2nd place not 1st.

Thought:

Happiness keeps you sweet; Trials make you strong; Sorrows make you humble; Success keeps you glowing; but God keeps you going!

Believers' Enrichment Service

The Believers' Enrichment service is an opportunity for us as Christians to reflect, rededicate and refocus our personal and corporate missional goals. It is an opportunity to deepen our faith, develop further understanding of Christ and demonstrate God's love in more meaningful ways. It is a chance for us as Christians to strengthen our relationship with Christ, with our fellow believers and with those who are in need of Christ's gift of salvation. Let us truly commit ourselves—as believers in Christ—to tap into His sustaining source of power so that we can be continually equipped to fulfil Christ's mission.

A REMINDER TO 5th AND 6th FORMERS

This is the to send in your applications to colleges and universities for the next academic year (i.e. September 2015). If you have not yet sent in your applications, please do so before the deadlines!!

We welcome your ideas and suggestions:

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