

# E-EMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

## Special Edition Emmanuel Baptist 185th Anniversary

**"Remembering the past, Honouring the present and Envisioning the future."**

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### Editorial

The word celebration is defined as a joyful occasion; and it is truly a joyous occasion today for celebration. We are delighted to celebrate this milestone of Christian witness in our community. Congratulations to 185 outstanding years for Emmanuel!

The pastor, officers board and the entire membership, are to be commended on this most outstanding achievement. The Emmanuel Baptist Church is celebrating 185 years of ministry—a journey from 1828 to 2013—one in which we have experienced God and His Kingdom in many wonderful ways. God has placed us in this location to become a light, shining for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I have personally witnessed so many miracles in the form of changed lives in these years. I have had the great blessing to watch God come into the hearts of persons and inspire them to service and ministry. God has continuously blessed Emmanuel, with abundant top quality leadership, excellent pastor support and incredibly dedicated and sacrificial members. Thus, it is my hope and prayer that Emmanuel will continue to be a beacon of God's unchanging message of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ in and around our community.

As we celebrate our 185th anniversary, it is indeed a time to reflect on the joys of today, the memories of yesterday and the hopes of tomorrow and so as we reflect and celebrate, I pray that all of us together, will receive renewed passion from Christ Jesus, to pursue the vision that He has entrusted to us; and also to be challenged in this anniversary year to move forward and move closer toward God's vision and plan for us.



*Dea. Alpha Hibbert, Chair,  
185th Anniversary Committee*

**Thought: *It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.***

*— Ernest Hemingway*



**KNOW WHAT  
YOUR  
CHILDREN  
ARE WATCHING**

IT'S OUR  
*Birth*day  
too!!



**BEING GOD'S  
PEOPLE IN  
GOD'S  
WORLD!**



Lurline  
Edwards  
1st



Karlane  
McLean  
5th



Joycelyn  
Barnett  
15th



Shanae  
Campbell  
16th



Olivene  
McPherson  
17th



Emmanuel  
Baptist  
18th



Vivene  
Irvin  
18th



Jovan  
Thompson  
19th



Valrie  
Johnson  
20th



Pauline  
Smith  
22nd



Margaret  
McFarquhar  
24th



Shakira  
Sinclair  
24th



Gwendolyn  
Robinson  
28th



Lucan  
Scott  
28th



Carol  
Levers  
29th



Louise  
Plummer  
30th

## MANDATED FOR MISSION

A life that has been set free from sin is a beautiful sight. When we turn from our sins and live as God has planned for us, we testify to the glory of God and give others hope that Almighty God can change their lives. Having turned from sin—the brokenness, afflictions and sadness—we now realize that there is more to life than those kinds of bondage; there is freedom, love, joy and mercy. As Christians we have the wonderful privilege of proclaiming this Good News to those around us.

Jesus Christ was commissioned with this same task—to bring Good News to those who are broken. He began His ministry by quoting from Isaiah: *“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, because the Lord has appointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the broken-hearted and to announce that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord’s favour has come (Isaiah 61:1-2).*

Christ, through His death, has redirected and transformed our lives, therefore we are mandated to bring this Good News to others, urging them to turn from their own ways and follow the Lord.

As we reflect on 185 years of sharing the Good News of salvation, it is not a time to recline in comfort and vain celebrations; rather it is a time to revisit, rethink and revamp our mission efforts so that the lives of more persons will be transformed for the glory of God. We are mandated for God’s Mission.

Mission must be  
the heartbeat  
of  
Ministry!

The Church of Christ is on  
a Mission—God’s Mission.  
Are you on it?

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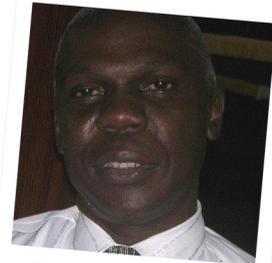
## Faith to stand on!

One of the virtues spoken of in the Bible is faith. Many of the Old and New Testament characters demonstrated their faith in God, in ways that just seem to blow the minds of 21st century Christians. When we think of the three Hebrews boys—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego—who believed that their God would deliver them from the fiery furnace, or a woman who believed that by just touching the hem of Jesus' clothes she would be healed, makes you wonder about these persons' faith. The writer to the Hebrews made a list of many such persons in his letter (Hebrews 11). Jesus highlighted faith-living in His teaching when He commended those who exercised their faith in Him. For Him it was not the size of the faith, since faith in its minute form could accomplish gigantic feats: Jesus said *"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."* (Matt. 17:20; Luke 17:6).

When we speak about faith, many persons seem to think that this is a virtue that one attains after one's quest and pursuit of it. Some believe it is only for those who have reached a certain level of spiritual maturity. The truth be told, all persons—regardless of their religious or non-religious affiliation—have faith. Faith is simply believing that something can be accomplished without seeing the evidence or prerequisites in place. We exercise faith in our doctors or the pilot of an airplane without knowing their competence or qualifications. We demonstrate faith each day in ordinary activities, like sitting on a chair and believing it will support our weight. But what is the difference between one person and another in how they exercise their faith? The difference is that for some they believe something can be done, while for others they doubt it.

Over 185 years ago our founding parents saw that a Baptist witness was needed in the Port Maria community. Rev. Joseph Burton led the charge with a very small congregation, who believed that God would want them to have a mission in the community. Over those 185 years Emmanuel experienced difficult and trying times, when natural disasters such as earthquake and hurricane destroyed the building. But the faith of the congregants was never affected, as on each occasion they believed that they would rise from the rubble; and they did! It is faith that has kept the witness alive over these many years. The church evolved into one with several vibrant ministries, many of which begun with little or no resources. However, there have been those who have dreamed—those who extended their faith—that God would use the congregants to make inroads and pathways, into the unknown—And God certainly honoured their faith.

Those of us who are part of the present experience must continue to dream—we must be prepared to have faith in God; that He will bring to past the seemingly impossible. Some of the tasks to be undertaken may be mammoth ones but if we each exercise our "mustard seed" faith the tasks can be accomplished. Our faith is not in our resources, but is in the God Who creates and possesses all things.



Rev. Oral Campbell



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### 185th Anniversary Calendar of Activities

- ✓ January 12 Prayer Breakfast
- ✓ March 24 Palm Sunday Road March
- ✓ May 12 Mothers' Day Special
- May 19 Anniversary Service
- June 17 Fathers' Day Special
- June 29 Open Day & Health Fair
- August 1 Fun Day
- August 10 Home Coming Dinner & Presenting of 185th Souvenir Magazine
- August 11 Home-Coming Service
- September 7 Back-to-school Focus
- October 20 "Heroes who have served (Special Heroes Service)
- November Prayer Vigil

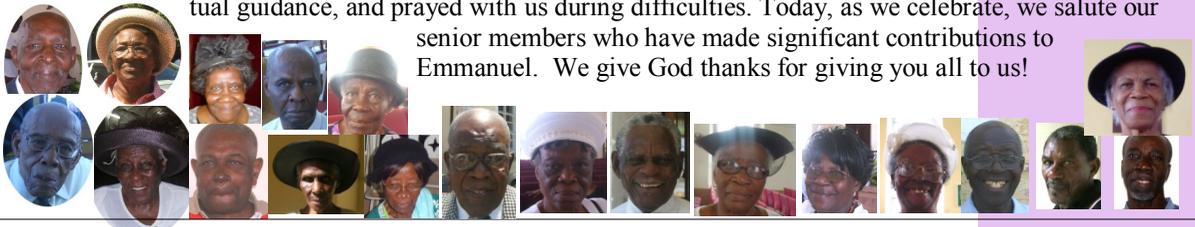
### Emmanuel—Gad deh wid wi

Ina di buk a Isaiah, wi read seh di name Immanuel mean "Gad deh wid wi" It luk lacka sey a true sumting—far luk how lang wi church deh round—hundred an eighty five years!

But mek mi tell oonu somting—wen it seh "Gad deh wid wi", it nuh mean seh wi naw go hab prablem and dat wi life a go free fram trovels; no sah a no dat it mean! If a dat it did mean den dis ya church woulda have plenti moni ina di bank an wi wouldn't haffi a put awn fun raising sinting! Wen it seh "Gad deh wid wi", it mean seh Gad a go tun up and tek wi true all a di ting dem weh com up pan wi—wedda dem good ar bad. True dem deh situa-tion deh, Gad a go show wi ow faithful im be an dat im ina control all a di time! Com to tink af it—it luk lacka sey "Gad deh wid wi" mean seh wi guar-antee fi hab plenti plenti trial an trivulation. But wi naw fret causin seh "Gad deh wid wi" and dat also mean seh im a go gi wi di victry ova evry single one a di trial an trivulation dem. An to tap it aff—di 'Pirit deh deh wid wi tu pan dis ya pentecas Sunday—Gad deh wid wi fi true!!



**HONOURING THE ELDERLY:** We live in a world where elderly persons are being neglected. The church however has a responsibility to care for, and honour its elderly people. Our elderly members are persons to be honoured for they are the ones who have helped us come to faith and discover Jesus; they have provided spiritual guidance, and prayed with us during difficulties. Today, as we celebrate, we salute our senior members who have made significant contributions to Emmanuel. We give God thanks for giving you all to us!



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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; Sis. Ionie Thomas; Trinity Class: Sis. Inez Graham; Sis. Percess Scott; Sis. Valerie Melbourne; Sis. Loretta Reid; Mason Hall Class: Bro. Thomas Bennett; Sis. Gwendolyn Byfield; Stennett Street Class: Bro. Archibald Henry Galina Class: Sis. Daphne Reid; Sis. Violet Daley; Sis. Edwards; Cox Street Class: Sis. Georgina Peart; Bro. Lucan Scott; Sis. Adassa Reddie.