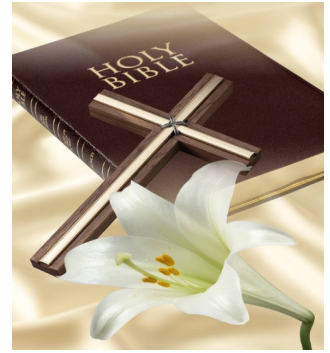


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EDITORIAL: MOTHERHOOD

Being a mother is an important role and responsibility that the Lord has chosen to give to many women and those whom the Lord blesses to be mothers, should take the responsibility seriously. Mothers play a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children and though the role of motherhood may change and develop with the changing times, the love, care, nurture, and encouragement a mother gives, should never change nor cease.

The Bible never stated that every woman would bear a child but I believe that it suggests that every woman can be a mother especially as we grow in grace and mature in our faith in Christ. In 1 Timothy 5:2, we are encouraged to treat the older women as mothers, and this suggests that as we grow older we can take on the role of motherhood. It also suggests that the younger persons are their children (so we have no major complaint about not having a 'mother').

Whether we have birth mothers or not, we should celebrate the day as another moment to honour and respect those females who have truly given of themselves for our growth and development as persons of worth and value.

Happy Mothers' Day to all females who deem themselves to be mothers!

Dahlia Palmer
Chairperson, Communications

Family month feature: This year we feature persons who have been members for over 30 years!!



Myrtle Genius

Myrtle Genius, a member of the Port Maria class, became a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in 1977—that was 33 years ago. The Rev. Harry Jarrett was the pastor who baptized her. “Pastor Jarrett impacted my life—he was my shepherd and he taught me many Christian values and attitudes.

“It was a memorable occasion when I joined the membership here because everybody was kind and caring. They would encourage you whenever you did not want to go to church and because of that the interest and dedication in the church was uppermost.” Sis. Genius goes on to explain that compared to now, 30 years ago people were more caring than now. Members in the past would have others interest at heart than now. The pastors in the past would deliver the word with more clarity so that you could understand. Pastors Jarrett, Anderson, and Lalor were pastors that you could approach at anytime and they would always listen to what you have to say. They imparted Christian values and attitudes. Pastor Lalor is a person one wished to emulate. He was never too busy to listen. He made one to feel a part of his congregation. He gave us a sense of belonging and you wanted to come to church just to listen to his sermons. It was a happy moment for me when pastors Jarrett and Lalor were pastoring and sad when they left the circuit. For the present Emmanuel, I would want for members who have left the church to return, and for those members who are still in fellowship to visit and encourage them to return. I would also want for members to greet others not only at church but when they see you in other places.

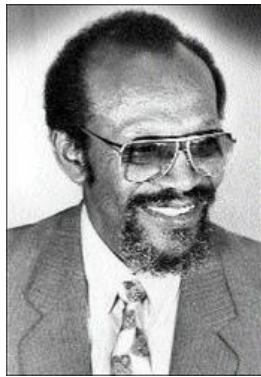


Sister Daphne Lewis joined the Emmanuel church family during the period that the Rev. Harry Jarrett offered pastoral oversight for the Port Maria Circuit—that is during the late 70's. Sis. Daphne remembers that things were different then. Young people were more involved in the life of the church and everybody was respectful to each other. The prayer life of the church was much richer. Back then members were more committed to prayer and fasting and really bearing each other up in prayer. Members were more actively involved in the different areas of church life. For Sis. Daphne, being actively involved in the Women's Federation was good—the group was very active with a lot of members. But things have changed.

Nevertheless, we have had some good pastors here with us and we have to give God thanks for that. Although things have changed from the time I joined the Emmanuel Baptist Church, we must still pray and continue to do the work of the Lord.



**REMEMBERING
Rev. Dr. Dudley Stokes
(1937-2010)**



Rev. Stokes served the Port Maria circuit for 13 years. His teachings, preaching and exhortations were always insightful and applicable to the situation. He was bold, big-hearted, born to lead and gifted with oratory. Dudley Stokes (Snr.) showed the world what it means to love and to serve in the spirit of Christ. He had a wonderful sense of humour, a miraculous business touch, and an Einsteinian mind.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PARENT-TEEN RELATIONSHIP

The teenage years are a time of great opportunities—both educational and personal—for teens, but also a time when they face difficult growth challenges and decisions regarding sexual activity, smoking and drinking, and suicide.

Parental involvement is a major influence in helping teens avoid these risks (*i.e. smoking, drinking, drug use, sexual activity, violence, and suicide attempts*), while increasing educational achievement and expected attainment.

Teenagers are most successful at meeting today's challenges if they have close bonds with their parents. The challenge for families is finding ways of remaining connected while accommodating busy lives.

One way is for families to spend time together is at the dinner table. For many families, eating dinner together is the way maintain connection. Eating together regularly can be a wonderful source of family time, a way of slowing down and keeping a family in contact during a hectic week. Another good reason to get everyone to the table is the fact that families who eat together regularly are less likely to have eating disorders, such as anorexia, and other problems. Teens and children learn good eating habits from their parents and the parents get to know what's going on in the lives of their teens. Eating together helps to form the parent-teen bonding relationship. Try it!

Thought:

Everyday, show your family how much you love them with your words, with your touch and with your thoughtfulness.

MAY REMINDERS

- 9th Mothers' Day (TODAY)
- 18th Anniversary of establishment of Emmanuel
- 23rd Pentecost Sunday
- 26th Labour day
- 30th Trinity Sunday

May Birthdays

Lurline Edwards	1st
Karlane McLean	5th
Daphne Lewis	9th
Michael Jackson	11th
Joycelyn Barnett	15th
Shanae Campbell	16th
Olivene McPherson	17th
Verona Porter	17th
Vivene Irvin	18th
Jovan Thompson	19th
Valrie Johnson	20th
Pauline Smith	22nd
Pearline Harriot	24th
Margaret McFarquhar	24th
Ena Bucknor	26th
Gwendolyn Robinson	28th
Lucan Scott	28th
Carol Levers	29th
Louise Plummer	30th
Jevan Radway	31st

May God's blessing be yours on your special day.

Mother's Day puzzle

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**MOTHER is
FAMILY
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HOMEMAKER
KIND
LOVING
PATIENT
COOK
CONCERNED
INCREDIBLE
POWERFUL**

Remember ...

to pray for the sick and shut-in members of the church and in our surrounding communities.

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