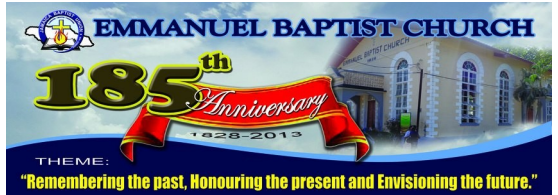




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EDITORIAL: CHURCH FAMILY

One definition of family is that a family is a group of persons who meet and live together seeking to achieve common goals; this group is related by blood or adoption. This definition aptly fits all of us who are Christians for we have been adopted into the family of God and we meet regularly all with the intention of achieving a common goal.

Our church family is comprised of persons of different age, gender, colour, class, and creed. Yet with the many differences in our background upbringing, culture and belief systems, the church family has been and continues to be one of the most amazing group to be a part of. Within the church family each member has a critical role to play no matter how insignificant or how great you may think your role to be. Without YOU there really would be no church family.

God in His infinite wisdom has found a way for all of us to unite and to work together as one family in Christ Jesus to accomplish His great Mission to save mankind from sin and death. This is a privilege and one that we must never take for granted. Let us continue to unite as people of God—as a church family—so that God’s name will always be glorified and His Will be done here on earth

*Dahlia Palmer, Chair
Communications Committee*

JUNE REMINDERS

- June Beginning of Hurricane Season
- 23rd Evangelism Open Air Meeting
- 23rd Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Sunday
- 28th Open Day & Health Fair
- 30th Exchange of Pulpit

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR AND VISIT 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:

Sis. Audrey Maxwell; Sis. Emma Scarlett-Grant; Sis. Ionie Thomas; Sis. Inez Graham; Sis. Percess Scott; Valerie Melbourne; Sis. Loretta Reid; Bro. Thomas Bennett; Sis. Gwendolyn Byfield; Bro. Archibald Henry; Sis. Daphne Reid; Sis. Violet Daley; Sis. Edwards; Sis. Georgina Peart; Bro. Lucan Scott; Sis. Adassa Reddie.

Attention! Attention!

If you wish to order a copy of the **Anniversary/Souvenir Magazine**, you must give your name to Sis. Dahlia Palmer as soon as possible and **make a deposit of \$500 no later than Sunday, July 7**. The cost of the magazine will be \$1,000. The Magazine will be printed based on orders—so place your order today!!

Also, Sunday June 30 is the last date for submitting your pictures to be included in the Magazine.

June Birthdays: May blessings abound to you!



Dave Campbell
1st



Leanord Bucknor
9th



Micol Israel
9th



Marilyn Melvin
11th



Veronica Allen
13th



Daphne Reid
17th



Karlene Wedderburn
20th



Pauline Brown
23rd



Leroy Corey
25th



Joslyn Spence
26th



Beverly Peddlar
26th



Nicola Nagheer
26th

June Wedding Anniversaries



June 7th
Annette & Winston Tracey
celebrate 16 years of marriage



June 7th
Lurline & Micol Israel
Celebrate 16 years of marriage



June 19th
Claudette & Victor Taylor
celebrate 13 years of marriage



June 22nd
Sherlette & Rupert Whilby
celebrate 36 years of marriage



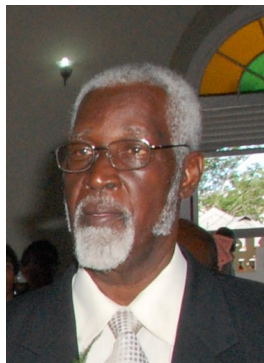
June 25th
Winsome & Gregory James
celebrate 8 years of marriage

Family Feature month

We focus on persons who once attended Emmanuel. We ask them to share their fond memories of Emmanuel and to say what impact—people or programme—had on them while they were here.

JEFFREY MCKENZIE:

I attended the Emmanuel Sunday School and church for years. I remembered well some of the lessons taught by Deacon J. Spence and Deacon L. Peart and how these have impacted on my life. I recall the Youth Fellowship, encounters with Deacon Barry Irvin, Barry Hylton, Theron Smith, Vivian Hinds, Ainsley and Junior, Sis. Mabel Hinds, Beulah, Monica, Janet and Claudia. We had wonderful fellowship and sharing together.



In 1965 a crusade was held at the Church when the late Rev. Spurgeon Smith was Pastor, and the late Rev. Franklyn McKenzie preached. It was there that I made a decisive commitment of my life to Jesus Christ. I was counselled by Deacon Girvan Robinson. I was the last person that Rev. Smith baptized before he moved on to Port Antonio Circuit. He preached a sermon not long after challenging Christians to Christian service.

On the arrival of Rev. Dr. D. C. Stokes of blessed memory to the Circuit, he challenged us also to get involved in Christian service. At Emmanuel I was involved in Training Union and served as Youth Fellowship leader even before I was baptized. I shared in the teaching of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and witnessed many lives coming to know Jesus Christ as Saviour.

We, as young people, got involved in open air and church crusades right across the circuit and saw lives transformed for Christ.

My life was further challenged by members of my family and the church indicating that I should get some training for more effective Christian service.

(The full excerpt will be printed in the Anniversary Magazine)

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PRIDE

Pride is a dangerous emotion and can eventually lead us to sinful behaviour. There are several areas in our life where we allow pride to take precedent over, and most of the times we do not even know it – this is how pride works in a person. Pride is an excessive high opinion of one self and can lead to much destruction in our dealings with others and in our relationship with God.

Pride Keeps Us From Admitting Sin

Have you ever been confronted and rebuked about a sin—a wrong or a fault—that you committed? Sometimes because of our pride it is hard to admit that we sinned or that we are wrong. It takes our heart to break down in humbleness before we can admit we sinned or were wrong in our actions. When we put pride aside and admit our wrongs, it provides an opportunity for us to seek God for His forgiveness and to establish better relationships with each other. When Christian brother or sister confronts us about our sin(s), we should accept correction as a resource to our growth in the Lord and this is referenced in 2 Corinthians 7:10-11 where it says “Godly sorrow bring repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done.” Let us endeavour to grow in our Christian character by humbling our hearts before God and all mankind.

Family Month Theme: Love Embraces All

The final evening of the family month activities will be Saturday, June 29 starting at 5:30 p.m.

The competitive events for the evening will be:

- **Bible Quiz from 1 Corinthians 13 (each team must have at least 4 persons)**
- **Recitation of Psalm 23 with costume (each team must have at least 2 persons)**
- **Egg and Spoon race, Bun eating and Soda drinking**

The non-competitive games will include: Board games (e.g. dominoes, cards), ring games etc.

Remember, your colour and your numbers earn points for your group. The winning group will be awarded their prize on Sunday, June 30.

Points standing so far:

Children	33 points
Youths	22 points
Singles	34 points
Couples	50 points

Refreshments will be provided!!