

RISE UP & A.F.F.I.R.M



ACKNOWLEDGE, FRIEND, FAVOR, INFLUENCE, RESPECT AND MOTIVATE OUR CHILDREN

Do you know that children have rights? Help to nurture and protect them!

May is Child & Family Month!

In the months of May and June, both the church and the society have traditionally focused attention on the child, the family, mothers, fathers, weddings and anniversaries. Child’s Month, Mothers’ Day, and Fathers’ Day all receive great attention during this season.

During the month of May, in the Cayman Islands Child Month is being celebrated under the theme “Rise Up and A.F.F.I.R.M.” (Acknowledge, Friend, Favor, Influence, Respect and Motivate our children). Child Month activities will be facilitated at preschool centers, elementary schools, high schools and businesses throughout the islands. Children will be encouraged and celebrated and as a society, we will seek to do what is in the best interest of the child, spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically. The Human Rights Commission of the Cayman Islands will also seek to remind persons that children do have rights and we should safeguard the rights of the child.

There is at this time an elevated consciousness regarding family values as persons gather around in family groups to celebrate with each other, to remember milestones, to share fellowship and meals and to identify with the general sentiments what it means to be family.

These months can however evoke deep emotions as some persons have never had the experience of being parents, some have lost parents or children and for some it is the memory of a beautiful June wedding and the pain of loss that might be associated with a divorce. Sometimes, in the midst of the family gathering there is schism, disagreements and decisions around distancing from each other. For some the family has become obsolete and there is a preference for strangers or to be alone.

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands’ strategic direction during these months is on the ministry offered to adults and families. This focus is not only on the normal expression for ministry to those who are blessed with the happiness of family but also there must be prayerful and practical expression offered to those whose needs and circumstances might be different.



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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING #5 & #6

The Leadership Development Units being held on 12th May, 2018, will be held at the Savannah United Church instead of at the Council Office, Prospect.



PEACEMAKER SHIRTS FOR SALE!

Peacemaker T-Shirts are for sale at the Council Office \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Children. To make a purchase email the Council Office at circm.info@gmail.com or call 947-1963.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 5**
Men's Fellowship Breakfast – Elmslie Memorial United Church at 7:30am

- May 12**
Leadership Development Training 5 & 6 – Savannah United Church (Worship Workshop at 9:00am | Sacraments, Pastoral Care, & Counselling Skills at 1:00pm)

- May 12**
Youth Splash Meeting – Council Office, Prospect at 10:00am

- May 14 – 16**
Synodical Standing Committee Meetings – Synod Administrative Centre, Jamaica

- May 22**
Council Executive Meeting – Council Office, Prospect at 5:30pm

- May 26**
Council Meeting – John Gray Memorial at 9:00am

Click [here](#) to view the full CIRMC Calendar

Look Ya Nah!



A Moment with Bethesda:

Improve your life - A 60-minute session may be all it takes to resolve issues that have been wearing you down or holding you back. Connect with us - and start making a difference in your life

Facebook: Cayman Bethesda Counselling Centre

MAY

WORSHIP
THE
LORD

Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council
Sundays at 7:45am on Radio Cayman

THEME: Family & Adult Ministries

- May 6** - Rev. Alice Blair (The Resurrected Christ in the midst of the community)

- May 13** - Mrs. Renee Barnes & Mrs. Suzzette Stewart (Role of Mothers in the Family)

May is Child & Family Month! contd.

Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

There is also a reminder for persons to think of and care for those who are the victims of domestic abuse in any form. Abusers must be challenged and encouraged to seek help and these situations must be reported to the relevant authorities. Persons are also reminded to seek help and counsel from Ministers and the Bethesda Counselling Centre if there is a need for such support.

What's Happening in CIRMC?

UPCOMING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS

The Leadership Development Units being held on 12th May, 2018, will be held at the Savannah United Church instead of at the Council Office, Prospect.

9:00am - 12:00noon: Theology of Worship, Liturgy-Order of Worship, Prayers, Music in Worship, Place Names and Furnishings in the Sanctuary

1:00 pm -3:00 pm: Theology of Pastoral Care, Basic Counselling Skills, The Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion

This is an open invitation; no registration is required.

Leadership Development Trainings 5 & 6

Worship
9:00am – 12:00noon

Pastoral Care & Sacraments
1:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: Savannah United Church

PEACE SPEAKER

"I AM A PEACEMAKER"
T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!

Support the United Church's initiative and declaration for Peace and take pride in being a "Peacemaker"!

Peacemaker T-Shirts are for sale at the Council Office \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Children.

For those who put in T-Shirt orders you can collect and pay for your T-Shirts on Friday, May 4 at the Council Office or throughout the following week.

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'HIS' PEACE

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