



The Relevance of the Ascension

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Please read Acts 1:1-11 and Luke 24:50-53



Ascension Day is celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter and ten days before Pentecost. It commemorates Jesus' Ascension from the Mount of Olives in the presence of His Disciples. Thursday, May 26, 2022, was Ascension Day. On Sunday, May 29, 2022, we will observe Ascension Sunday.

When we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, not only do we recall His departure from this world in bodily form, but we also hear Christ calling and commanding us to be faithful witnesses and to be united as one body.

We must confess that in so many ways we have not been faithful to Christ's bidding for us as the Church to be one in body, mind, and spirit.

The Disciples provided the Church with the credible witness of Jesus' Ascension and the promise of His return. It is upon their witness that the Church has remained a gathered community awaiting the return of Christ.

They asked Jesus if the end time had arrived when the kingdom of Israel would be restored. But Jesus indicated to them that it was not for them to know the time or the season when God would act. They were asked to wait. God would - in time - usher in God's kingdom, not just restore Israel.

At the Ascension, the Disciples heard the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would empower and transform their lives. They were instructed to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit which would give them new horizons and energy to fulfil their calling.

Jesus indicated the miraculous expansion of the work of the Disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 is known as the pivotal verse not only in the Book of Acts, but in understanding the spreading of the Christian faith.

They had to gaze at Jesus as He ascended into heaven, but the Angels assured them that they should wait in Jerusalem for the promised Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit would enable these weak and afraid Disciples to become men filled with power and might, willing to risk their lives for the cause of Christ.

Christ depended on these Disciples to be the witnesses that would form the Church in the midst of political and religious hostility. Amid persecution, suffering and death, the Early Church propagated the Gospel, and people moved from deep paganism and idolatry to become members of the body of Christ.

In this age, not only are we called to proclaim the Gospel, but we are called to be witnesses of Christ in a world fallen among thieves, a world broken with sorrow and stained with the blood of the innocent.

We are called to have the eyes to see institutionalized injustice and structures that debilitate our fellow human beings.

We are called to be the voice that cries against the structures that cause people to live in fear, despair, distress, and disease. We are also called to have hearts that are compassionate and to be willing to serve the most vulnerable.

We must also confess that as the Church, we still strive to live lives that are holy, good, and peaceful. Sometimes we have neglected those who suffer pain and death, sickness, and disease. Unfortunately, we have at times turned away people who are the victims of hatred and anger. When we fail to respond to the deep needs of the world, our credibility as witnesses becomes questionable.

Before Jesus' Ascension, He gave particular instructions to the Disciples, and He also prayed for them.

Jesus, knowing the contentious spirit and power-hungry behavior of some of the Disciples, prayed the Highly Priest Prayer found in John 17: 21-23.

'As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.'

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Let us take a closer look at what the camps and Vacation Bible Schools in the CIRMC are offering this summer.

WEBSTER MEMORIAL BODDEN TOWN

July 25-29 (Mon.-Fri.)
8:00 am – 12:00 pm



WILLIAM POUCHIE NORTH SIDE

August 3-7 (Wed.-Sun.)
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

SAVANNAH

July 4-8 (Mon.-Fri.)
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm



JOHN GRAY WEST BAY

July 4-8 (Mon.-Fri.)
8:30 am – 2:30 pm



EAST END – GUN BAY

July 4-8 (Mon.-Fri.)
8:30 am – 2:00 pm



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August 8-12 (Mon.-Fri.)
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

This farewell prayer of Jesus for His Disciples is a constant reminder to us as the Church of Jesus' call for unity. The prayer is pastoral in nature as Jesus prepares the Disciples to exist in the world without His physical presence. Not only would the Disciples falter by nature of their personality, but the hostility of the world and the harshness of the religious institutions of the day towards them would make life as His Disciples extremely difficult.

The Disciples would have to remain united in purpose and belief. They, therefore, needed to remain faithful to the teachings of Jesus and be credible witnesses of His powerful miracles.

The prayer is a clear theological statement of the Trinitarian nature of the Godhead. Unity with Christ should result in unity with our siblings in the faith.

The Ascension reminds us of the promise of the Spirit as we are sent into a world of hostility.

Further, we have received the consecration of the Spirit to express and live by God's love and redemptive power. We are guarded and guided by the Spirit as we transform this world in which we dwell.

Ascension Prayer

O God, you have glorified our victorious Savior with a triumphant resurrection from the dead, and ascension into heaven, where he sits at your right hand.
Grant, we ask you, that his triumphs and glories may ever shine in our eyes to make us see more clearly through his sufferings, and more courageously endure our own; being assured by his example, that if we endeavor to live and die like him, for the cause of your love in ourselves and others, you will raise our dead bodies again, and conforming them to His glorious body, call us above the clouds, and give us possession of your everlasting kingdom. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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on Radio Cayman 89.9
every Sunday at 7:45 am

May 29, 2022
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IN OTHER NEWS


National Youth Leaders Conference

Youth Ministers and Leaders from the Savannah United and Elmslie Memorial Churches attended the Annual Orange Conference in Duluth, Atlanta, held April 26- 30, 2022. The theme of the Conference was 'Are You Ready to be Human Again?' Through the presentations and specialized sessions, the participants learned about new ideas and practical solutions suitable for children and youth ministry in this post-pandemic era. In attendance were Mr. Roy McGregor (Youth Director) and Ms. Maedalee Whittaker (Youth Leader) from Elmslie Memorial Church, along with Ms. Camile Watt (Youth Minister), Mrs. Renee Barnes, and Mrs. Suzette Stewart (Youth Leaders) from Savannah United Church. The two Congregations covered the expenses.



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RUN/WALK

MAY 28, 2022

Course: Starts and ends at Elmslie Church. Choose your course (loop of under 2 miles or loop of under 3 miles).

Start Time: 5:15 pm (walkers) and 5:30 pm (runners).



Fee: CI\$15 Adults and CI\$10 Youth (Under 17).

Registration: 1) Download the registration form from the church website www.elmslieunitedchurch.jy. Complete, scan and e-mail the form to elmslie100anniversary@gmail.com.
2) Drop forms and payments by way of cash or cheque (payable to Elmslie Memorial United Church) to the Elmslie Church Hall on Tuesday, 17th May (3pm - 7:30pm).
3) Collect event packages on Thursday, 24th May or Thursday, 26th May (4pm - 7:30pm) at the Elmslie Church Hall. There will be no registration the day of the event.

Amenities: First 300 participants will receive a t-shirt and a water bottle. Light refreshments provided.

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The Savannah United Church Youth Discipleship Group

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presents

Car Wash



&

CAKE SALE

At

The Savannah United Church
17 Astral Way, Savannah
located behind
Wendy's and Savannah Rubis
Church Office #: 947-6071

Saturday May 28, 2022
8:00am - 1:00pm
Sedan \$20 | SUV \$30 | Larger Vehicles \$ 40

A Youth Discipleship Project

in aid of the Northside Community Park Revitalization and Basketball Ministry

ALL ARE INVITED
Cost: FREE

The United Church Women's Fellowship
Cayman Council
Presents:

Retreat 2022

Venue: Elmslie Memorial United Church - George Town
June 11, 2022
9:00am - 1:00pm

Theme: FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS
Topics:

- Empowering Youths - Focusing on Mental Health
- Cultivating Spiritual Growth - Focusing on the Soul
- Wellness A - Focusing on Women's Health
- Wellness B - Focusing on Stress

Ministers:
Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble - Bloomfield; Rev. Rohan Forrester; Rev. L Christopher Mason

Guest Speakers:
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June 25, 2022

Time and Venue TBC



All are invited, Sports Bodies, Schools, Pastors, Youth Leaders, Community Workers, Athletes, Coaches and more.


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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28 (Saturday)
 Lay Leaders Certificate Course Training– 9:00am-4:00pm via Zoom

Council Meeting– 9:00am via Zoom

May 31. (Sunday) Pentecost Sunday



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**SUMMER
CAMPS 2022**

DAY

CHILDREN'S (AGES 8-12)
JULY 10-15

TEENS' (AGES 13-17)
JULY 17-22

**Theme
A NEW SEASON**



...IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST,

THE NEW CREATION HAS COME:

THE OLD HAS GONE,

THE NEW IS HERE!

2 Corinthians 5:17

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