



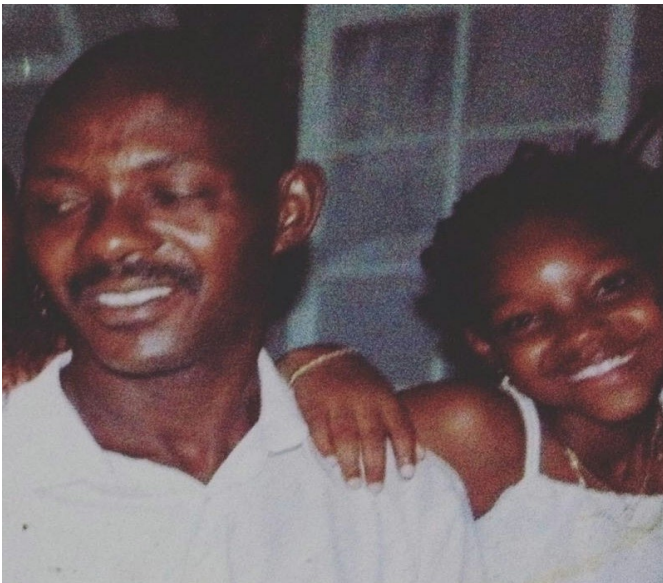
# The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

## Weekly Update

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### The father-daughter affair

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HAPPY  
*Father's  
Day*

I'm seeing my dad today for the first time in two years... I think. I don't even remember exactly. It could actually be three years but I am too excited to even stop and do the math.

My daddy is coming for Christmas. I mentioned this to someone yesterday and they asked me if we have a great relationship and I said yes, then paused to assess my answer. That pause brought me in a circle for a good minute but I still arrived at yes.

I am a barrel child, which I believe is self-explanatory. For those who don't know, that means my parents live (d) abroad.

I never actually lived with any of my parents until I was about eight years old. I did that math and I am shocked. I thought I was much older than that when it finally happened. Now I think I have to set aside some time to reflect on that because it would then mean that I have so many memories and experiences before eight. Wow!

Anyhow, years ago I would not have said that we have a good relationship. I felt like I didn't really know my parents. Sure enough, I spent the holidays with them. If today was class party, aka the last day of school, we,

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my sister and I, were on a flight tomorrow. And from that age, I never liked talking on the phone. So, in retrospect, communication was always a struggle, but especially with my dad who mirrored some of my communication patterns.

We were few with words but I would say "I love you" and he said, "you too." I hated that. In the same breath, he never wanted to hang up the phone, so he would always wait for anyhow long for me to hang up and we would go back and forth-

*I would say "hang up nuh, daddy" and he would ask "then why you don't hang up?"  
And often times jokingly asked if I don't have hangers in my closet.*

Holidays with him were fun but more chill I guess. Honestly, I spent most holidays with my mom. So when I moved back home with both parents, who have been living in two different countries, that was rough for me. With each passing day and month, little Jon was wondering who in the world are these people, lol. Stranger danger! I had to learn, unlearn and relearn and that was not particularly easy (that's the cute way of putting it).

Needless to say, the relationship between my dad and I was not always great. And even now we have our hiccups but still, I say it is great. In my consciousness, we have grown to understand, forgive and love each other. I say "in my consciousness" because it takes maturity and growth to do so and an understanding an eight, nine, or even a 14-year-old does not have.

All of us living together was a good stint loving and getting to know each other some more, building our bond. But, because basically, I'm barreled again- though I am very much an adult.

Now my dad calls me a lot but, I don't answer. He then calls my mom, the love of his life, and they both complain to each other about how I don't talk to them. I still don't do phones.

Most times when we talk, he only asks how I am and then says "take care" and "I love you" or, we each say something about 3 minutes apart until one of us says good bye and "I love you."

Other times he is demanding answers about my life plans and reminding me of things I need to do- Like buy a house, I won't mention the most common reminder.

Our calls are still quick exchanges because we still are not talkative over the phone. However, he says "I love you, I love you too/ love you, love you too."

I just can't wait to smother him! I also have a bit of a special welcome.

In my younger days, we bonded over tiling, painting, and woodwork- carpentry and masonry. Yes, a woman can help herself around the house. I was the boy before my brother. Now I am a daddy's girl.

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A reflection written in December 2021



# The Introduction of The Partners in Mission in SRMC



Rev. Thomas Phiri

Rev. Patrick Banda

Partners in Mission Rev. Patrick Banda and Rev. Thomas Phiri have been introduced to their respective charges in the Southern Regional Mission Council, SRMC and have settled nicely.

Rev. Banda was formally introduced to the Denbigh Charge on June 5, 2022. He has been assigned to serve the Denbigh, Palmers Cross and Pleasant Valley congregations.

Rev. Phiri was introduced to the New Broughton Charge on June 12, 2022. Rev Phiri has also been engaged in a Tri-Charge Team Ministry approach with Chair of Council Rev. Anthony Chung. They will serve separately in their respective charges (New Broughton and Ridgemount) but together will provide leadership and oversight to the Medina Charge where Rev. Chung is the Interim Minister. The service on June 12 also saw the launch of this innovative approach to cover the three charges.

The two ministers are from the United Church of Zambia (UCZ) and have been engaged by the Council for World Mission (CWM) and the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) as part of the CWM's Partner in Missions initiative.

Rev'ds Banda and Phiri both come with their experience and zeal for ministry. We look forward to how they may help to "...grow God's Kingdom, one congregation at a time in the South."

You can watch both services of introduction on the UCJCI's YouTube channel.





# CONGRATULATIONS

**Khdrea Jones**  
**Miss St. Catherine**



Khdrea Jones, the current Vice President for the United Church Young People's Fellowship, UCYPF, and a member of Greendale United Church, has been crowned the JCDC Festival Queen for the Parish of St Catherine. Khdrea, who works assiduously alongside the youth and children Ministry, will continue to embody her pledge to lift the banner of Christ as she completes her reign.

She looks forward to the national level of the JCDC, Jamaica Cultural Development Commission, competition where the queens of all parishes will be vying for the Miss Jamaica Festival Queen title.

She expresses immense gratitude for the support already received from the UCJCI family and craves additional support and prayers as she moves into the final round.





THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS  
PRESENTS

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## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

*Understanding I Do*

SATURDAY **JUNE 25** AT 5PM  
2022

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**MODERATOR**  
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Rev. Dr. Dave Hazle

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# PRAYER CORNER

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- The families of Mrs. Lola McKinley who passed last week
- The families of Ms. Rachel McLean who passed last week
- Rev. Godfrey Meghoo who is ill
- Mrs. Janet McConnell who lost her uncle recently
- Mrs. Sheila Arscott-Smith who lost her brother-in-law recently
- Rev. Everton Brissett, Minister of Savanna la Mar charge of United Churches, and family, as they mourn the passing of his mom Mrs. Lillette Brissett
- Rev. Rohan Kong, his wife Stephanie and their son, Joel Kong
- Patients, families and workers in the health sector in the Cayman Islands and Jamaica
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19
- Ukraine and all affected by the invasion of Russia.
- Victims and perpetrators of crime and violence in Jamaica and security force and government as they respond
- Family of the victims of mass shooting in the United States of America

## PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank You for your presence in the world. You touch our pain and warm our hearts with hope.

Fill us with the joy of your Spirit and make us faithful messengers of your Gospel.

Amen.

# Liturgy for At Home Worship

June 19, 2022

The vices  
of bondage and  
oppression  
are many,  
however  
the power of  
Jesus breaks  
every bondage  
and oppression,  
though many  
they are.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Resilient:  
Overcoming Bondage  
and Oppression

Old Testament:  
1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19: 1- 4, (5-7), 8-15

Responsive Reading:  
Psalm 22: 19- 28

New Testament:  
St. Luke 8: 26- 39





**THE SALISBURY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH**  
Presents A

# Cake Sale

On the church grounds

On Friday,  
June 24, 2022  
Commencing @ 10 a.m.



- CAKES:**
- \*BLACK FOREST
  - \*RED VELVET
  - \*CHEESECAKE
  - \*CHOCOLATE MOCHA
  - \*PLAIN CAKE
- Served with a bottle of water

**REFRESHMENTS ON SALE** COST: \$900  
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Proceeds in aid of the church building funds.

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#ThursdaysinBlack,  
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# NOTICES



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Madge Saunders Conference  
Tower Isle, St. Mary

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**LIMITED SPACE**

MANNINGS HILL UNITED CHURCH  
*presents*

## CHOIRS IN PRAISE

# Let Praises Rise

**JUNE 26, 2022** **5PM**  
START TIME

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Contribution - \$500  
Refreshments on sale

**PRIZES AND SURPRIZES!!!**  
**COME MEK WE LIFT UP JESUS!!!**

**ALL PROCEEDS IN AID OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY**

# CAMP 2022

MADGE SAUNDERS  
CONFERENCE CENTRE

**FINAL ADJUSTED DATES**

**Children's/Jr. Camp**  
Wed, July 6 – Sun, July 10  
(Ages 8-13)

**Pacesetters Teens Camp (Teens 1)**  
Wed, July 13– Sun, July 17  
(Ages 14-17)

**Discovery Teens Camp (Teens 2)**  
Wed, July 20 – Sun, July 24  
(Ages 14-17)

**Youth Encounter**  
Thurs, July 23– Sun, July 31  
(Ages 18-25)

Register through your regional office  
by submitting completed registration  
form and registration fee of \$4500

**COST: \$9000**  
(Includes the registration fee)

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