



The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

Weekly Update

September 7, 2022

Seek God's Approval Not People's Rev. Garwell Bacchas, NERMC

Proverbs 29:25. Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety.

If your life's goal is to have the approval of people, or your flock, especially us Pastors you will never really feel secure. Why is that? Because the time will come when you do something they disapprove of; then what? The Bible says, "Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety." (v. 25 NLT). A trap is just another word for a prison. If someone, other than God, can determine your worth as a person, that someone can make you feel like a prisoner anytime he/she decides to. When a critic's opinion becomes your own opinion, you are living in a prison of your own making. Let's face it: some of the people/sheep you are trying so hard to impress will never be impressed. And you must accept this: From God's perspective, it does not matter. Knowing that enables you to work alongside people/sheep without allowing yourself to be controlled by their moods and governed by their opinions. Each time Paul went to another town, people were meeting and hearing him for the first time. Some of them liked him, and some did not.

He writes, "For some say, 'Paul's letters are demanding and forceful, but in person he is weak, and his speeches are worthless!'" (2 Co 10:10 NLT). So how did Paul handle this? He writes, "Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant" (Gal 1:10 NLT).

Even as we discuss the future of the region and the church, in my limited understanding, I am sure that some of the sheep might not like it, and I dare say maybe some shepherds do not approve of it, but remember it is not to please people or to get people's approval but to please God and get His approval and in the end we are doing it for the good of the Church.

In order to feel secure in life and fulfilled in what you're doing, you must reach the place where you can look in the mirror and say, "I'm loved and approved by God, and that's what matters!"

Amen.

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Highlights Open Day 2022

100th Anniversary
Pringle Home for Children

For 100 years, the Pringle Home for Children has been blessed with the support of communities, near and far, joining hands to meet needs and fulfill its mission. To show its appreciation, the PHC family held its first Open Day on August 24, 2022, where healthcare and social services were made accessible to the people in Carron Hall, St. Mary.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the people of the community paraded the grounds of the home getting massages, cosmetology services and face paintings, and tasting scrumptious items from The HEART Trust/ NSTA and the local jerk man.

The old and young took advantage of the health team by getting back to school medicals and check ups done. Information on Non-Communicable Disease, NCDs, healthy living and exercise, Coronavirus and Monkeypox were available.

Present at the other tents were representatives from the First Regional Cooperative Credit Union, Jamaica National Bank, the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Moneague College, The Jamaica Fire Brigade, Jamaica Constabulary Force and the Child Protection and Family Services Agency (CPFSA).

Library Handover

While the services were being kick started, the stakeholders gathered for the handover of the newly refurbished resource room. The room now hosts 11 computers, a printer, a projector and additional books donated by various persons.

Mrs. Jeanette Rose-Bryan, Director of Pringle Home shared that five computers were donated by CHASE Fund through the assistance of Mary White and the rest were donated by the CPFSA.

“HEART TRUST/NSTA came down to help us with installing the computers and the Jamaica Library Service assisted us with the organization of the books,” she added.

Among those present for the library reopening were Mrs. Rosalee Gage-Grey, Chief Executive Officer of the Child Protection and Family Services Agency, Mrs. Hermena Davidson, Chair of the Board of Pringle Home, Mrs. Jennifer Martin, Chair of the North East Regional Council. The proceedings were led by Dr. Pansy Hamilton, Chair of Pringle Home’s 100th Anniversary Celebration and the library was dedicated by Pastor Emerella Forde.

Handover of Library



Mrs. Jeanette Rose Bryan, Director of PHC
Ms. Jennifer Martin, Chair of Council, Mrs.
Rosalee Gage-Grey, CEO of CPFSA



Front L-R: Dr. Geraldine Geddes,
CPFSA Rep, Pastor Emeralla Forde
Back: Ms. Majorie Seeberan

Health & Social Fair



Dr. Pansy Hamilton
Chair of Pringle Home 100th Anniversary Committee



Mrs. Hermena Davidson
Chair of Pringle Home Board



South Sound United Church Mission Update – August 2022

By Ms. Sarah Ramkelawan

PART 2 – OVERSEAS MISSION

Wycliffe Bible Translators - Cayman

A Caymanian missionary couple (Jim and Karla Smith) live in Timor Leste (East Timor) working in bible translation, literacy, and Christian education.

They live with their daughter, Katherine, and twin grandchildren, Jamie, and Joanna. The two official languages in East Timor are Tetun and Portuguese with less than 1% of the population speaking Portuguese.

Tetun is taught in schools, but most families speak their own language in their respective communities. Jim provides leadership in the local church supporting the pastor, works with the ongoing training of pre-school teachers, and oversees the grandchildren's online schooling. Karla works with the Ministry of Education to develop various literacy programs.

“We are thankful the Lord has kept us going, even as our years add up. We are already at or close to what is considered “retirement” age by many, but the Lord has not yet released us from the work He has given us, and we are honored to continue to be part of building His Kingdom through our work,” the Smiths said.



The South Sound United Church also supports with regular contributions to the work at the **Mount Olivet Boys Home and Pringle Home in Jamaica.**

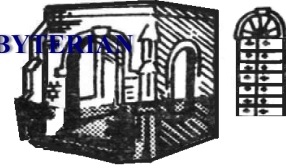




North Street United Church

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Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you well!

The North Street United Church, located at the corner of North and Princess Streets in Kingston has been ministering to its community for 185 years and will mark this milestone with special celebrations.

The Anniversary Theme: "185 Years.... Rooted, Grounded and Restored to Serve Christ".

In collaboration with St. Paul's United Church (Locket Avenue) we will be hosting a Community Health Fair on August 27, 2022. This includes:

Dental – Teeth Cleaning

HPV Vaccination

Vaccination for Children

Mental and Oral Health Sessions

Back to School Treat and Medical Examinations

Health checks

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Our Community Walk will be on September 10th 2022.

The Anniversary Launch will be on Sunday September 11, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. during our regular Church Service.

We invite you to come and celebrate our 185th Anniversary with "Jamaica Night" this will be on Friday September 16th starting at 6:30 pm at the St. Andrew High School for Girls Auditorium. Featuring The Jamaican Folk Singers. It will be a night of Great Music, Fellowship and Food. Please contact our church office for tickets.

The Cost: Children \$1500 and Adults \$2000.

Our Anniversary Church Service will be on Sunday September 18, 2022, starting at 9:30 a.m. The Guest Speaker will be Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey. You are all invited.



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Prayer Corner

Prayer Request

- The Bulgin Family as they mourn the recent tragedy
- Rev. Godfrey Meghoo, who is recuperating at home
- Rev. and Mrs. Joe Crawford
- Rev. Harry Bodden
- Rev. Dr. Richmond Nelson who was ill and is recuperating
- Dr. Auma Folkes and family as they mourn the death of one of her sons, Albie Folkes
- Rev. Ranford Hewitt who is recuperating from illness
- Rev. Rohan Kong, his wife Stephanie and their son, Joel Kong, who is back in the hospital
- Rev. Wendell McKoy and family as they mourn the sudden passing of his brother-in-law
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19
- People affected by the war between Ukraine and Russian

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

eDARE 2022: re(l)ease liberation theology
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**Registration for CWM's
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We look forward to seeing
you DARE!



Mrs. Sheila Arscott-Smith
September 8



Rev. Verna Cassels
September 8



Rev. Delia Picart Hibbert
September 8



Rev. Dr. Collin Cowan
September 9



Mrs. Shernett Smith
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Rev. Otto Menko
September 11

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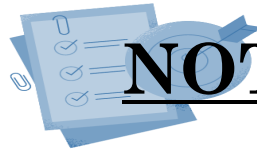


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NOTICES



GET THE FACTS ON MONKEYPOX

What is Monkeypox Disease?

A rare disease that is caused by an infection from the monkeypox virus

How is the Monkeypox virus transmitted?

It can be transmitted from animals to humans through:

- ◊ bites or scratches by an animal carrying the virus
- ◊ handling and eating meat from infected animals

It can be transmitted from human to human through close contact with:

- ◊ skin lesions e.g. rash, blister, sores, scab, etc
- ◊ body fluids
- ◊ droplets from respiratory secretions e.g. cough, sneeze, spit
- ◊ recently contaminated objects e.g. bed linen, clothes and frequently touched areas



What is the incubation period ?

The incubation period (time between infection and when the symptoms start) is usually from 6 to 13 days but can range as 5 to 21 days

What are the main signs and symptoms?

- ◊ Fever ◊ Chills ◊ Intense Headaches ◊ Extreme Exhaustion
- ◊ Muscle ache and Backache ◊ Swollen lymph nodes
- ◊ Rash (usually appears 1-3 days after the fever)



Symptoms can be mild or severe and associated skin rash can be itchy or painful

What is the treatment for Monkeypox Disease?

Treatment is based on the symptoms. If experiencing fever or pain, Panadol can be taken. Drink lots of fluids to maintain hydration

Who is at risk of being infected with the Monkeypox virus?

Any person in close contact with someone who has monkeypox

How can the risk of getting Monkeypox be reduced?

Key prevention measures include COVID-19 prevention measures:

- ◊ Wear your mask ◊ Wash your hands ◊ Physical Distance
- ◊ Frequently sanitise areas that are frequently touched ◊ Avoid crowds



Is there a Vaccine for Monkeypox?

- ◊ There is a vaccine against monkeypox that is generally available. A recently approved vaccine has been produced for research purpose only

Jamaica has no known case of monkeypox at this time.

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The Pringle Home for Children



"Pringle at 100: preserving a legacy of service"

Church Service

July 31

Open Day

August 24

Panel Discussion:
Child Care and
Protection in Jamaica

November 17

Gospel Concert

December

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Prostate cancer frequently develops with no noticeable signs. it is a slow-growing disease but possible symptoms include:

- Inability to urinate (difficulty starting or stopping)
- Frequent urination (especially at night)
- Pain or burning sensation when urinating or ejaculating
- Blood or pus in the urine or semen
- Persistent pain in the back, hips and pelvis, fatigue and anaemia may suggest prostate cancer even when other symptoms are absent.

JAMAICA CLEANER

Come And Celebrate Our 185TH Anniversary!
 North Street United Church presents

Jamaica Night

+ Great Music
 + Fellowship
 + Food

Experience Jamaica
 In One Night!
September 16, 2022

Venue:
 St. Andrew High School For Girls
 10 Cecelio Avenue, Kingston 10

Admission:
 (Food and Drink Included)

Children: \$1500
 Adults: \$2000

6:30PM

Western Regional Mission Council Young Adults Action Movement

W.R.M.C. Y.A.A.M.

PRESENTS

"BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR"

FARM HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH
 SEPTEMBER 24, 2022
 10AM - 4PM

DON'T MISS IT!

Liturgy For Worship At Home

September 7, 2022

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28;

Psalms 14; 1 Tim. 1:12-17;

Luke 15:1-10

Rescued by God's Mercy

Our confidence in responding comes not from ourselves. Rather, it is because of God's kindness and mercy towards us. Despite the church's failures, shortcomings and inadequacies she has been the recipient of God's mercy.

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