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## PRAY FOR:



- Rev. Bevis Byfield who is not well.
- Mrs. Carlene Andrade who lost her brother.
- Rev. Egbert Harvey, whose mother, Mrs. Amanda Harvey passed on. Service of Thanksgiving will be held on April 21, 2018 at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Wait-A-Bit, Trelawny at 10 a.m.

# JUST GROW UP!

**T**he vibrant Discipleship Programme at the Webster Memorial United Church, in the North Eastern Regional Mission Council (NERMC), usually climaxes in a ceremony in which the majority of new members opt for Baptism.

As part of the initiation process, all new members being 'received', are presented a young plant, which they are asked to nurture, as a symbol of their lives as new Christians. How they tend this plant, they are told, will symbolize how they tend their new beliefs and simply grow in Christ!

This is taken very seriously by the new communicants. Only a few weeks ago one new member came to her District Elder in tears to report that the "dog had eaten her plant". **She was inconsolable!**

Not surprisingly then, the theme of the new Bible Study Series, titled 'Just Grow up' presented by Webster's Rev. Astor Carlyle, has come to bear special relevance to members, and over 150 members and adherents attend weekly to participate. Team work has become vibrant as members break down into groups led by members of the Church



of varying age groups, for discussion and sharing.

The fellowship is vibrant, with one group becoming so enthusiastic as to provide laminated plastic name tags for the members of their group.

The hard work and promotion done to popularize Bible Study, seems to be bearing fruit!

At the start of the series, Rev Carlyle made the point that families look ahead with excitement to a new child's future because inherent in every birth is the expectation that this baby is going to grow and develop.

Just as human parents are concerned about the growth of their children, God is concerned about our spiritual growth. There is an enormous amount of confusion he said, on this matter of how Christians grow spiritually.

Some people, he says, view spiritual growth as primarily a matter of learning the correct biblical information.

However, accumulating knowledge can stymie growth if that "head knowledge" is not accompanied by inner spiritual transformation in response to God's truth. ( John 5: 39-40. )

Some people believe that **spiritual growth** is the result of following a certain well-defined process.- **However, the problem comes when we try to reduce a living process to a mechanical list of steps that everybody has to follow. People don't grow at the same rate, so a "one size fits all" approach to spiritual growth won't fit everyone.**

Some persons believe that **spiritual maturity** is dependent on what you **avoid** rather than what you do. However, asceticism by itself, Rev. Astor noted, doesn't produce lasting spiritual growth because the sinful desires and impulses come from within, and not necessarily from outside.

The first presentation also looked at issues such as: "What is Spiritual growth", and 'The necessity of Spiritual Growth 'and the Demands of spiritual growth. **One key ingredient for a baby's growth is food. Rev Carlyle advised, suggesting readings from 1 Peter 2: 2, and Ephesians 4;15.**

**CELEBRATION-**



70:

**Rev. Tara Tyme-Campbell,**  
April 18.

**Ms. Marsha Martin,**  
**Rev. Obren Thomas,**  
April 22,

**Rev. Wayne Wisdom,**  
April 23.

**AD CORNER**

In Recognition of  
our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary




ANDREWS MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
Presents  
**A PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
"55 Years of Building Communities...  
& Transforming Lives"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Norlene Jackson  
DATE: Saturday April 21, 2018  
VENUE: The Golf View Hotel  
5 1/2 Caledonia Rd., Mandeville  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Contribution: \$2,500

Come celebrate with us...in what promises to be:  
*A Morning of Physical and Spiritual Nourishment!!*  
Proceeds in aid of our Church Outreach Fund

ANDREWS MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
A PRAYER BREAKFAST



**Youth  
QUAKE  
2018**

ANDREWS MEMORIAL UNITED  
SAT - MAY 5TH-2018  
START TIME: 8AM  
REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

Discipling Across Boundaries for Jesus  
**#DABforJesus**

**HENRIETTA DAVIS-WRAY  
CREATES REGIONAL HISTORY!**



**M**rs. Henrietta Davis Wray, has created history in being appointed to the position of Acting Chairperson, Global, Disabled People's International. This is a first for a Jamaican or anyone from the North American and Caribbean Region in the 37 years of the organization.

This was formally announced at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on Thursday, 15 March, 2018 at 3.00 PM (New York time).

Formerly the 1st Deputy Chair (Human Rights), **Mrs. Henrietta Davis-Wray** has been appointed as the DPI Acting Chairperson until a new Chairperson will have been appointed for 2019.

Mrs. Davis-Wray is also the Regional Chair of DPI North America and the Caribbean, and the President of DPI Jamaica Combined Disabilities Association

The DPI Board of Directors would like to thank the entire DPI family for their support at this crucial time and are confident that Mrs. Davis-

Wray will bring energy, and dedication to further strengthening the resolve and vision of DPI.

DPI, is the world's first successful cross-disability endeavour to convert talk about full and equal participation of people with disabilities into action.

Today, 37 years after it was formed, DPI continues to be the world's only cross-disability, Global Disabled Persons Organization, with its vast presence at the grass-roots.

**SRMC NEWS**



MOUNT OLIVET CHARGE  
OF UNITED CHURCHES  
PRESENTS

IT'S ANNUAL  
**ONE DAY  
EVANGELISTIC  
CONVENTION**

Theme: RETURN TO GOD *Zachariah 1:3*

SUNDAY **MAY 27** 2018  
Baillieston United Church  
Baillieston, Clarendon

**SPEAKERS:**  
BISHOP STEVE HEPBURN (MORNING SESSION)  
TIME: 10:00AM - 1:00PM  
REV. KEVIN CALVERT (AFTERNOON SESSION)  
TIME: 2:00PM - 4:00PM

COME AND EXPERIENCE PERSONAL  
AND SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION  
JESUS CHRIST: IS STILL THE ANSWER

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

## LEADERSHIP CORNER

### Thinking Win/Win in Teambuilding

Win/Win is not a technique; it's a total philosophy of human interaction. It is a frame of mind and heart that constantly seeks mutual benefit in all human relations. Win/Win means that agreements or solutions are mutually satisfying.

With a Win/Win solution, all team members feel good about the decision and are committed to the action plan. From this viewpoint, life is a cooperative, not a competitive arena. It is based on the perspective that there is plenty for everybody; that one person's success is not achieved at the expense or exclusion of the success of others.

**How Do We Achieve Win/Win** especially when interacting with others who are deeply scripted in Win/Lose?

It begins with **CHARACTER**. This is the foundation. Such character involves **Integrity**. Can we make and keep commitments to ourselves as well as to others? Integrity is the cornerstone in the foundation. If people sense duplicity and become guarded, there will be no Win/Win.

It also requires **Maturity**. To go for Win/Win you not only have to be nice, you have to be courageous. You not only have to be considerate and sensitive, you have to be confident and brave.

It also requires an **Abundance Mentality**: The view that there is plenty out there for everybody. Many people are deeply scripted in a Scarcity Mentality. They see life as having only so much, as though there were only one pie out there. The Abundance Mentality on the other hand, shares the recognition and decision-making, and opens possibilities, options, alternatives,

and creativity.

It moves towards **RELATIONSHIPS**. From the foundation of Character, we build and maintain Win/Win Relationships. Because we trust each other, we're open. Even though we see things differently, I know that you are willing to listen with respect. We're both committed to try to understand each other's point of view and to work together towards the best outcome.

From Relationships flow the **AGREEMENTS**. In order to arrive at a Win/Win agreement, we have to identify and agree on the desired results, guidelines for accomplishing those results, the resources needed for achieving them, accountability, and consequences arising from the evaluation.

Win/Win can only survive in an organisation when the **SYSTEMS** support it. If you talk Win/Win but reward Win/Lose, your programme will suffer. You basically get what you reward.

There is no way to achieve Win/Win ends with Win/Lose or Lose/Win means. Appropriate **PROCESSES** are essential. You can't say to your team, "You're going to think Win/Win, whether you like it or not." You have to arrive at a Win/Win solution based on some external principle or standard that both parties can buy into.

Win/Win is not a personality technique. It is a way of human interaction. It comes from character; grows out of high-trust relationships; it is embodied in agreements that manage expectations; it thrives in supportive systems; and it is achieved through solution-oriented processes.

*(Source: "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen R. Covey)*

## CAN YOU ASSIST?



**Nyle Stewart** is the 21 year old son of Pastors Michelle Ashwood and Roger Stewart from the Greendale Charge.

Nyle is well known within youth circles at both the regional and national levels of the UCJCI and continues to make a positive impact on the lives of young people.

Nyle has been diagnosed with cancer and requires treatment which is not currently available in Jamaica.

The cost of this treatment overseas is in the region of **US\$500,000**. The family has established two accounts towards raising the required funds.

Those who wish to contribute may deposit amounts to the following currency accounts:

- Nyle Stewart Fund BNS savings account # 415873 UWI (US\$)
- Nyle Stewart Fund BNS savings account #415872 UWI (J\$)

Your assistance in this effort is truly appreciated by the family so too your continued prayers for Nyle's healing.