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- ☺ Conference and Rally 2009
- ☺ Feature on 6PM... 'Nuh watch di Time'

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Zone 4's Dance entry for Youth Rally 2008

It is that time again when Baptist youth from across Jamaica, gather for the weekend of a lifetime. And guess what? You are specially invited.

The weekend that we speak of is November 19-21 when our 25th National Youth Conference will be held at Nutshell Conference Centre in Duncans, Trelawny and our Rally at the Ocho Rios Baptist Church.

For this year's Conference, significant attention will be given to the review and evaluation of the Department's performance, the election of a new Executive Committee and agreeing on projections for the 2009 - 2011 term. Attention will also be given to the equipping of our youth through training/teaching sessions.

For youth rally, we 'kick things off' with a **road march** through the streets of Ocho Rios, beginning at 8am. Key to this, will be the

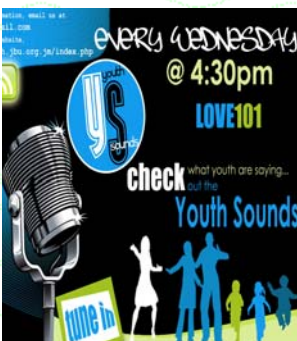
incorporation of the zone banners in addition to other banners that you are free to design and take along as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord, Saviour and ultimate Hope!

After the march, zone banners will be judged as they are an area of competition. Other areas of competition are *drama*, *dance*, and the *bible quiz*.

An **interactive exhibition** will be an element of this rally with booths featuring a number of different organizations, institutions and agencies. Information, counsel and advice on a wide variety of matters, as well as presentations and demonstrations will be accessible to all in attendance.

At the end of the day, our closing ceremony, in addition to recognizing the winners of the day's competitions, will feature a **guest artiste** and also the **Conference mass choir** which will present the anniversary song 'Purpose to Fulfil'. There is an open invitation for youth to join the choir. Regional practices will be organized for those who are interested and able to participate.

We are overflowing with excitement and anticipation at the prospects of Conference and Rally 2009. We hope that you too, will share our excitement and enthusiasm, as we continue to serve God by helping and encouraging our youth to make Christ's rule over their hearts evident in every aspect of their lives.



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

"Honour for Honour"



My dear friends, I want to share with you briefly, the essence of a message I heard years ago, that has stuck with me.

I hope it will speak also to your heart.

The simple message is, "Honour for Honour" - God will honour you if you honour Him. ***"If anyone serves Me;... the Father will honour him"***
John 12: 26 (NASB)

It can be so easy for us to compromise our Christian commitment and the requirement that God has of us. To live a life that is pleasing to God in all the spheres in which we operate, can be such a challenge that

we are tempted to "jus tek it easy".

God requires so much of us, we dare not disappoint Him. God deserves so much from us, we dare not disrespect Him by carelessly giving Him what is convenient for us, after we have pleased ourselves.

God has called us to live lives of tremendous self-sacrifice and self denial. Can we all seriously decide to honour God with our obedience and faithfulness? We must, for there is no other way to please Him!

I encourage us to look at the examples of Joseph, and Daniel; maybe you have examples and experiences from your own lives. Consider the fact that, even though they suffered undeserved persecution, and their lives were threatened, they chose to remain

faithful to God. God, in return, in His perfect time, gave them all the blessing and justification they could ever have wanted.

It is easy to compromise; easy to give in to the popular and the things that are commonly accepted by our peers and people around us. But God requires that we seek to obey and honour Him, no matter what.

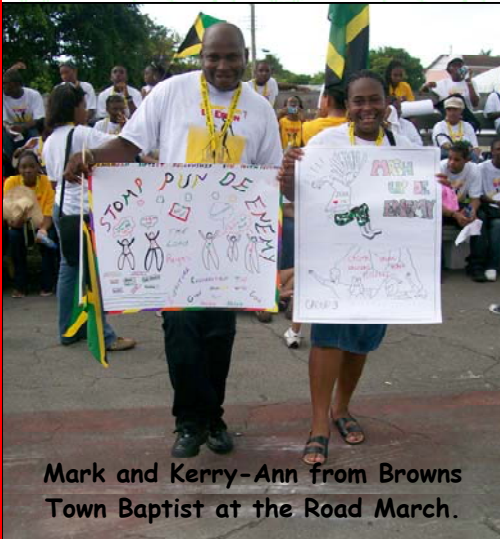
Please consider my urging, and ask God to help you to obey and honour Him in every single situation. Ask God to help you to trust Him, and be at peace, confident that He will honour His Word; that He will, in His perfect time, honour you.

Rich blessings and Love,

Lance Fisher

CARIBBEAN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP YOUTH FESTIVAL 2009

'Stomp Pon Di Enemy'



Mark and Kerry-Ann from Browns Town Baptist at the Road March.

The festival theme was 'Stomp pon di Enemy'. As I participated in the various workshops and ministries with approximately 500 delegates from over 20 countries, I was challenged to take a stand as a young person, and dare to be different.

The "Pon Our Knees" sessions in the mornings were power packed, and they encouraged me to seek God even more. The Bible study sessions were good. During the mission outreach I got the opportunity to visit the Correctional Centre for boys and girls. The experience was enriching, and I realized

that, if there is ever a time that we need to share God's Word, it is now.

Meeting people from different parts of the Caribbean and having fellowship with them was a blessing. It shows that people from different cultures can come together, and praise Jesus in their own way.

The Festival was very good and I hope that we will get an opportunity to share what we learned with our youth departments."

—Kerry-Ann Walker



Need to know more about the JBUYD. See our website. The site is home to IMPACT and provides a hub for the exchange of information among youth of the JBUYD. The JBUYD Website: <http://youth.jbu.org.jm/>



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Salem Baptist Church

Once more the spotlight is on, and this time around, we are shining the light on the youth of the Salem Baptist Church to see what they have been up to.

The Salem Baptist youth group has had a very long colourful history and presence in the community of Salem, Runaway Bay, St. Ann. Through the years, it has served to unite the youth in service to God and community, and has groomed many young persons for leadership in the Church and wider community.

The group recently came to IMPACT's attention as they lost one of their members, Nisa Grant, in a very tragic incident. Nisa was a very charismatic and involved member of the youth group, specifically the choir and dance ministries.

She was also poised for leadership within the group. Nisa is one of the many youths who are lost yearly to crime and violence in Jamaica. We pause at this moment to remember her and all other youths who are no longer with us. They are surely missed.

What has the group been up to these days?

Amongst the regular planned sessions, IMPACT discovered a very interesting activity commonplace at Salem that we just had to share. *Soaked for Christ* takes bible study to a whole other level!

In this activity, the members are divided into two groups and questions are posed by a team at each turn, for their opponents to answer correctly. As the name suggests, water is involved. If the opponents answer incorrectly they are then chased and soaked (in the church yard of course) with water balloons!



Members of the Salem Baptist youth group

Aside from fun and educational games the group has been up to quite a lot. If they had not been practicing for various concerts, bible quizzes, or competitions entered, they were busy with fund-raising activities to send members to this years' Caribbean Baptist Youth Festival. They have also embarked on sessions catering to the whole person. In recent times, they have had a session on protocols of dating and proper etiquette - right in time for Camp banquet!

The group is currently headed by President Sheniel Daley and has a regular membership of 15. It is interesting to note that the group has always had a predominantly female membership. At times they have had no males in attendance and have always benefited from the love, guidance and support of many church mothers.

The group meets Saturdays at 5:30 pm. So if ever you are passing along the north coast and are in need of some fun and fellowship, be sure to check out the youth at Salem, and be sure to walk with some extra clothes as you just may walk in on a soaked day!

UPCOMING EVENTS



September

27 Students Service

Kingston: Mamby Park Baptist Church, 161 A Constant Spring Road, Kingston 8, at 10:15 a.m.

October

3 JBUMA Regional Mission Conference—Kingston

Boulevard Baptist Church

9-11 JBU Music Workshop at

Nutshell Conference Centre, Duncans, Trelawny. The workshop will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday and continue through to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

10 JBUMA Regional Mission Conference—St Ann

Ocho Rios Baptist Church

11 Students Service

a. **Montego Bay:** Calvary Baptist Church, Corinaldi Avenue, Montego Bay, at 10:15 a.m.

b. **Mandeville:** Mandeville Baptist Church, 1 Baptist Road Manchester, at 10:00 a.m.

17 Zone Eliminations-parish vs. parish

Held at locations to be announced in each zone.

24 JBUMA Regional Mission Conference—St. James

Calvary Baptist Church

31 JBUMA Regional Mission Conference—Manchester

Mandeville Baptist Church

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

6PM 'Nuh watch di time'



L-R Ramoy, Kevin, Xavier, Marvin, Stephen & Julio

For this issue, IMPACT journeyed to Phillippo Baptist Church, Spanish Town to speak to six young men, who have been singing for the Lord as a group, since April 2006. Meet, Marvin Tinglin, Kevin Tinglin, Xavier Smith, Stephen McFarlane, Julio Leachman and Ramoy Leachman, all members of the singing acappella sextet called 6PM (6 Phillippo Men).

Each member brings to the group different personalities, talents, and sound. Marvin and Xavier sing lead tenor; Stephen and Julio high tenor; Ramoy alto/ baritone and Kevin bass.

The group was formed out of an idea of having young men share in a ministry. Since their first performance in 2006 they have, this year, had their 100th instance of ministry, which was done at the Maldon Baptist Church in St. James.

"I (we) feel some level of accomplishment, yet on the same hand you sort of see where you are just skimming the surface now, as there is so much more to do. There is certainly more to be done, but we

have greatly improved not just in our sound, but our content," Kevin says.

Throughout their three years of ministry, the group has ministered at varying locations, such as schools and church concerts

and also to prisoners at the Tamarind Farm Facility in Spanish Town.

Asked why the group prefers acappella, Marvin explains that, for him, he likes when voices become the music. "There is clarity to it, there is no distraction. You can have music and it sounds so good, that the singing though poor, still sounds good. When you use your voice to make that music, it stands on its own; it is strong, clear, pretty and precise," he says.

As far as dealing with the attention the group receives Xavier notes that while it can be flattering, it can also be annoying. "... you can want to present your thing on stage in such a way that the lyrics minister to whom ever is listening, but many people may be so caught up into the voices and how good it may sound to them. Sometimes all that comes out of it, is wow 'dem sound good', but our mission when we go up is more than that," he explains.

So how important is prayer to the group? "Well we try not to start any practice without prayer and not to end any practice

without prayer. Because sometimes when we forget to start or end with prayer it leads to major chaos," Julio says.

As with any ministry, the group faces challenges, however every effort is made to work through them.

Meanwhile for those young people who think that living the life of a Christian will be very difficult Stephen has a word of encouragement for you.

"If you are a Christian it's not going to be easy. The decision to become a Christian is not easy either, but I think it is the easier decision to make. But once made and you stick to it, you (will) find support. God promised that once you turn all over to Him, He will be there to give you support. Once you stick to it, there is a joy that others will come to envy. However if you haven't made that decision as yet (to become a Christian) you need to make it," he urged.

Members of the group also encourage young people to use the gifts that God has blessed them with for His Glory. As for the future, 6PM plans to record an album, and hopes to start the process soon.



6PM Photos courtesy of Kevin and Marvin

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