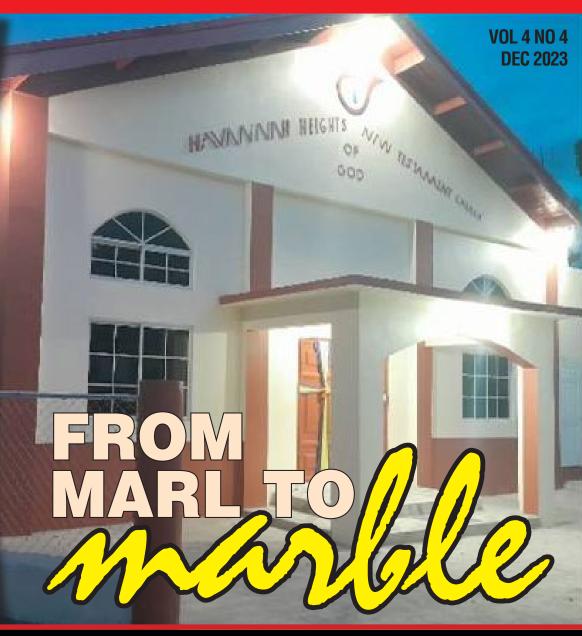
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# CLOSING IN ON OUR CENTENNAL

s we head into the new quarter of the church year, there is so much to which we look forward.

The New Testament Church of God in Jamaica is about to enter its 99th year as an organised denomination. This is an important milestone, and already plans are well under way for the celebration of our centennial.

As time progresses, we will be disseminating information about the plans that include an international conference, a special convention focusing on our hundreds of members in the Diaspora, a distinguished lecture, a documentary capturing the development of the denomination, a magazine, a musical festival, and so many more activities. You may peruse the full list in the inside pages of this publication. We welcome your feedback on the plans.

Additionally, we invite you, our readers, to look out for the promotions and share the information far and wide as we endeavour to build momentum toward this significant moment in our history.

During this quarter, we also encourage you to pay special attention to the calendar of activities, also carried here, as there are several recommendations that you may incorporate into your progammes under the suggested theme for each month. From all appearances, the first quarter went well as many churches engaged in a slew of activities to mark missions and stewardship months.

For the pastors and other leaders, we ask that you encourage your members to read the **eREACH** and to send comments and reports to us as we seek to highlight all the positive happenings within our denomination.

In this issue, we present the Administrative Bishop's message. We also highlight some of our members who are excelling in their various fields. If you know of any member who is doing well in any field at all, please let us know so that we may use this medium to celebrate them. We are also excited to share with you a range of images of churches across the country that are making major improvements to their facilities.

The **eREACH** team wishes for you a rewarding 2024 as we continue to work toward building wholesome families as the theme for this church year implores us to do

### Corinne Barnes

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF** 



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please join me in acknowledging God's goodness and His unfailing love, as we stand on the threshold of a new year.

The Lord led us in our personal lives and as a church community, through fruitful and frustrating times, through peaceful and choppy waters, through opportunities and challenges. Through it all, I can say with confidence, "Jehovah helped us all the way." 1 Samuel 7:12

I am filled with gratitude for the faithfulness and dedication that pastors and members have demonstrated in the past year. Your commitment and passion have been a source of inspiration, and together, we have experienced God's grace.

As a church family, we also mourn the passing of pastors and members who were called home to be with the Lord in 2023. Their contributions have left an indelible mark, and we honour their memory. In the same breath, we celebrate those who have served well and are now entering a season of retirement. Your dedication has shaped our community, and we express our deepest gratitude for your years of faithful service.

As we seek to discern God's voice on our mission, the harsh realities of our world cannot be brushed aside. We continue to be faced with global and local realities that are unsettling. The world is grappling with conflicts in Israel and Gaza, the Russia-Ukraine war, and the unrest in Haiti. The impact of global warming and irresponsible human action continues to have a devastating effect on our environment. We also lament the loss of lives through violence and road fatalities in our country. As we grieve, let us deepen our resolve to be agents of change and reconciliation in our communities and to be better stewards of God's creation.

Every pastor and member must become aware of the forces that seek to derail God's mission in our country. Jamaica has been targeted by outside influences that are seeking to persuade us to abandon our traditional Christian values that undergird our families and the well-being of our

communities. As we move forward, let us be unwavering in our commitment to the ethical and moral standards set by the Word of God. We must not sacrifice biblical principles for the sake of cultural trends or societal pressures. Our foundation is built on the unchanging truths of Scripture, and in upholding these, we reflect the light of Christ to the world.

Our theme, 'Forward Together, Building and Promoting Healthy Families', takes on a profound significance as we navigate tumultuous times. The family unit is a cornerstone of society, and as we move forward together, let us be intentional about nurturing and promoting healthy, Godcentred families.

As we step into 2024, we renew our commitment to evangelism and Spirit-led discipleship. We pray fervently for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, believing God for new believers, a fresh baptism in the Holy Spirit, and a renewed commitment to discipleship. Our mission is not only to weather the storms around us, but to be a source of light and hope in a dark world.

Let us be prophetic in our preaching, addressing the challenges of the day with the timeless wisdom found in the Word of God. Love for our community and country should be evident in our actions and initiatives, as we seek the welfare of the places where God has planted us.

Our hope is not in the shifting sands of human endeavours, but in the unchanging character of our God.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23

May the new year be marked by God's continued favour and the manifestation of His promises in our lives and in that of our church.

Have a blessed 2024!

Bishop Dr. Roy Notice

ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP



### ANNIVERSARY

### CELEBRATION

### **The Centennial Celebrations Committee**

Committee Chairman: Dr. Corinne Barnes

The Centennial Celebrations Committee has started its work to develop and implement a comprehensive programme of activities and initiatives to commemorate the 100th year anniversary of the establishment of the New Testament Church of God.

### The following activities are being planned for 2025

- 1. **January:** Launch of centenary celebrations and 100 days of Prayer
- 2. **February:** Documentary chronicling the history of the denomination
- 3. March: Awarding of 100 scholarships and awards at a planned event
- 4. **April:** Centennial Distinguished Lecture
- 5. May: Centennial Banquet
- 6. **July:** National Convention with focus on members in the Diaspora
- 7. August: Centennial Youth Celebration
- 8. Centennial International Conference
- 9. October: Gospel Music Festival
- 10. November: Missions Activities
- 11. **December:** Centennial Thanksgiving Service (local churches)

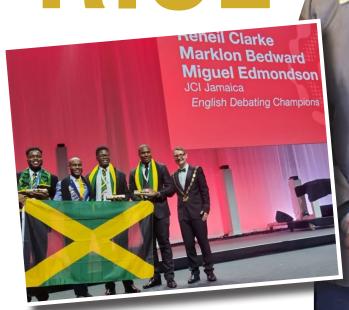
### **Other Activities and Projects**

- a. Centennial Magazine/Newspaper Supplement
- b. Legacy Projects
  - i. Convention Centre
  - ii. Windsor Castle Church
  - iii. Morgan's Forrest Church
- c. Senior Citizens Facility Mandeville
- d. Identify 100 centennial partners

### **Centennial Fund**

The Centennial Fund will be launched at the 2024 Annual National Convention. This fund will be established to raise \$100 million over five years to assist in financing the legacy projects.

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t 25 years old, Reneil Clarke holds a résumé that could be the envy of many people twice his age.

The eldest child of Reverend Clifton Clarke and Sophia Clarke, who now shepherd the Harbour View New Testament Church of God in St. Andrew, he serves the denomination as a member of the National Young Adult Ministry Board, and as director of the Men's Ministry at his local church.

Additionally, he is the constituency manager at the Electoral Office of Jamaica and an active member of the Junior Chamber International (JCI), serving as the national vice-president. The JCI is a non-profit organisation comprising young active citizens between 18 and 40 years old, who are engaged in and committed to creating change in their communities.

At the international level, Reneil was a member of the JCI Jamaica debate team that won the English debating competition at the JCI Conference of the Americas for three years, between 2021 and 2023. For two of those years, he served as captain.

The team recently won the English Debating Competition at the JCI World Congress 2023 held in Zurich, Switzerland.

When Reneil is not busy with all those activities, he finds time to read, watch primarily informative videos on YouTube, and a series on Netflix, and occasionally plays basketball.

### JAMAICAN TEACHER SHINING IN VIRGINIA

wo years ago, when Ramone Daley made the decision to leave the land of her birth and emigrate to the United States of America, she knew she was making a bold move, heading into the unknown.

Today, Daley, the daughter of Reverend Wesley Daley, pastor of the Oracabessa church, is known as one of the outstanding educators in the Virginia area, where she resides, having received several awards for her contribution to the education sector and her mentorship of young people to the point where she was recently awarded the Top Technology Teacher in her school county.

"I was definitely surprised but humbled at the opportunity to represent my school in this capacity, especially being the first Jamaican to receive this award. The feeling is phenomenal, to be able to

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represent in a positive light," she said. When Daley arrived in the United States, she threw herself unreservedly into the school's activities and began excelling in the area of technology. It was not long before her talents were recognised and she was selected as a technology coach. In that area, she developed innovative solutions aimed at educational and digital transformation for the school.

Since then, she has been given multiple leadership positions in her school community, and receiving this award has propelled her to pursue a Master's in Instructional Design and Technology.

"I intend to transform the educational space by using technology to implement more creative methods of learning for students and teachers alike," said Daley.



### THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE WRAPS UP YEARLONG CELEBRATION



fter months of celebrating eight decades of service to the denomination's pastors and workers, Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean – Jamaica (BBCC-J) had, many would argue, earned the right to celebrate the significant milestone with a slew of activities – and that it did with aplomb!

"The journey to our 80th year commenced with the Launch Service on April 30, 2023, at Waltham Park New Testament Church of God. Distinguished speakers, including Reverend Dr. Roy Notice and Brother Jasford Gabriel, delivered greetings, each echoing the celebratory spirit of our rich history. My own remarks as BBCC-J President were complemented by the stirring message of Reverend Dr. Clement Clarke, whose speech resonated with our theme and inspired all present," said President, Dr. Earlmont Williams.

Then there were the week-long celebrations from

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### **BETHEL AT 80**

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November 5 to 12, which Dr. Williams described as "a blend of reverence and festivity".

"From the celebratory service held at the Mandeville church, featuring Bishop Wayan Wellington's compelling sermon, to the launch of the major fundraising event, 80 for Bethel 80, the activities were well-received.

"The 80 for Bethel 80 Initiative is a testament to our enduring legacy. Encouraging contributions from graduates and church districts, this endeavour aims to strengthen our endowment fund, ensuring Bethel's sustainability," said Dr. Williams.

Then there was the Hall of Faith event held on November 7, marked by a special time of reflection when eight leaders who have shaped BBCC-J and the denomination were honoured.

Those inducted were: Bishop Guy Notice, Reverend Lindsay Arscott, Reverend Dr. Oswald Baker, Bishop Dr. Barrington Brown, Bishop Dr. Roy Notice, Reverend Dr. Donald Roberts, Bishop Dr. Ronald Blair, and Bishop Dr. Wellesley Blair. The induction of Bishop Dr. Fedlyn Beason took place in December.

"I had the privilege of presenting a main lecture, sharing insights on pastoral perceptions of the impact of pastoral leadership transition on congregational health. Rev. Jason Fullerton, a brilliant recent graduate, also presented a thought-provoking paper," said Dr. Williams.

"The culmination of our anniversary celebrations, the graduation ceremony at Old Harbour New Testament Church of God was historic in scale and sentiment. The honorary degree conferred upon Evangelist Aurthur Grant was a highlight, symbolising our commitment to recognising extraordinary ministry.

For decades, the name Aurthur Grant has been synonymous with evangelistic endeavours throughout the country and in several areas in the United States of America and other countries.

"In reflecting on our 80 years, we not only celebrate our past, but also recommit to a future where Bethel continues to be a beacon of theological excellence and ministerial formation," said Dr. Williams.

































rayers, praise, worship, and laughter wafted through the hallways of the Mandeville New Testament Church of God in early November, as scores of women descended on the property for a time of sharing and support.

The female ministers and the pastors' wives conference brought together women from all across the island to share experiences, ideas, plans and programmes, as they continue to consolidate their efforts

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### **BUILT TO LAST**

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in building the Kingdom of God.

"Be the neck, not the head. Prioritise family and embrace self-identity. You are built to last in ministry and marriage," admonished Dr. Carla Dunbar, the main presenter for the event.

From panel discussions on emotional, financial, mental and sexual living, to the ministry in the Word, the event left the attendees refreshed and rejuvenated.

"Pastors' Wives and Female Pastors Conference 2023 proved to be inspiring and enriching, and created a forum for women in ministry to foster deep connections as we continue our journey toward empowerment and holistic well-being. It was a day that celebrated the power of togetherness, progress, and resilience," said one representative of the National Women's Ministries Department.









# From 1to marlble

ifty years ago, women entering many of the church buildings in this denomination were fearful of wearing stilettos as invariably they would be stuck in mud or marl.

Today, the mud and marl are being rapidly replaced by tiles, marble and stone.

That is the story right across the country as more and more churches have embarked on building or renovation programmes as they seek to make their places of worship much more habitable for their congregants.

In this issue of **eREACH**, we bring you visuals of 10 of those projects that are proceeding apace. So, we highlight some of the churches that are engaging in bold renovation and

construction projects:

The Four Paths church in St. Elizabeth has embarked on a major construction project to include the main church hall, new bathroom facilities and office spaces.

From a veranda to a small tent, a wooden structure to a magnificent edifice, the Havanna Heights church in Clarendon has been transformed. The groundbreaking took place almost four years ago, and the building project took off during that time when social distancing, wearing masks, and attending virtual church services became our new reality. Four years later, the evidence of hard work and resilience is there for all to see. The building was officially dedicated on December 3, 2023.

The Sandy Bay church in Hanover is now finished and was dedicated on December 3, 2023.

Meanwhile, the following churches are engaged in active construction, and soon, we will be able to bring you the images of the final products:

- Portland Cottage in Clarendon
- Haddo in Westmoreland
- Eltham Park, St. Catherine
- Petersfield in Westmoreland
- Retirement in St. James

These church buildings are also being upgraded:

- Harbour View in St. Andrew
- Mount Lebanus in St. Thomas

Commendations to the pastors and members of those churches.

### FOUR PATHS, ST. ELIZABETH

The Four Paths NTCOG has embarked on a major construction project to build a new sanctuary to include the main church hall, new bathroom facilities, and office spaces.











### From lto marble

### PHAVANNA HEIGHTS, CLARENDON











### SANDY BAY, HANOVER

The dedication service for the Sandy Bay New Testament Church of God (Hanover) was held on December 3, 2023.









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### PORTLAND COTTAGE, CLARENDON

Church under construction.









### PHARBOUR VIEW, St. ANDREW

Church under renovation.







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### **Q** ELTHAM PARK, ST. CATHERINE

Church under construction







### PETERSFIELD, WESTMORELAND





## From lto marlble

### MOUNT LEBANUS, ST. THOMAS

Expansion of the sanctuary.





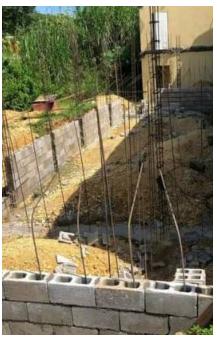




### RETIREMENT, ST. JAMES

Church under reconstruction.



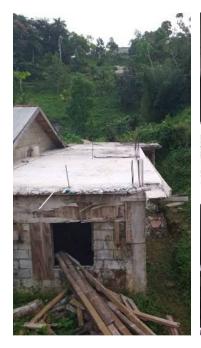




## From lto marlble

### **Q** HADDO, WESTMORELAND

Church under construction







### **Q** BULL BAY, ST. ANDREW





Islington, St. Mary, with Pastor Jack Powell.



Long Road, Portland.



McNie, Clarendon.

### WHEN THE LEADERS DESCENDED ON THE CHURCHES OF THE EAST



Bishop Roy Notice and Olive McCalla, founder of the Fair Prospect Church in Portland.

he churches in the parish of St. Thomas were abuzz with activity during the latter part of September.

The occasion? The national leaders were in town visiting, and all 17 churches in that parish participated in what has become the regular parish tours or fact-finding mission of the administration, as it seeks to glean information to inform decision-making.

"It was a great opportunity to have an informal interaction with the leaders of the denomination, especially for the parish of St. Thomas, which sometimes is considered the forgotten parish.

"The main benefit is the first-hand information that is being passed on to the members in the local churches and the expectation after the tour is that feedback is generated on the questions and concerns raised on the tours and that a plan of action can be put in place to address these concerns," said 24-year-old Khaleel Huie, the youngest member of the Church and Pastors'

Council and Youth Fellowship President at the Yallahs church.

For others, just sharing close space with the national leaders was enough.

"We get to meet our Administrative Bishop and members of the executive team face to face. We usually only see them at Convention from a distance," said Erica Grant, Secretary-Treasurer of the Heartease church.

From St. Thomas, it was time for the group to move on to Northern Clarendon, come October, and that they did.

In that part of the island, 30 of the 38 churches were called on, while 16 of the 26 pastors joined the tour. There, also, anticipation was high, and the members did not hide their appreciation for the initiative.

"I'm so happy that the Bishop could be here

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### **PARISH TOURS**



Prayer for Reverend Seprena Simpson, Pastor of the Grantham Church.

### **LEADERS VISIT**

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today ... and as the Bishop, he should know where all the churches are. I made sure that I could be here today," said Ezekiel Howe, a senior member of the Church and Pastors Council at the Beecher's Hill church.

"It [ the tours] will benefit people because it shows that there's a Bishop who cares about

the needs of the people. After the tour, it is expected that the team works on the things that have been learnt on the tours," he added.

Portland and St. Mary were the areas of focus during the month of November. There, the national team visited all eight churches and one mission with full participation from the six pastors in Portland. In St. Mary, 13 of the 18 churches participated. Meanwhile, 16 of the 18 pastors took part in the meeting with the administrative team.



Under the tent at Annotto Bay church in St. Mary with the Reverend. Carla Service-White.



Belfield, St. Mary.



Grantham, Clarendon.



Kellits, Clarendon.



Mullet Hall, Clarendon.



Shingle Hut, Clarendon.



Rock River, Clarendon.

# STERATEGE EGG CENTRAL STOR MEMBERSHIP

- QUARTER ENDING NOVEMBER 2023 -
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<b>TOP 10 CHURCHES IN TITHES</b>
FOR THE QUARTER

	CHURCH	PASTOR
1.	WALTHAM PARK	Stevenson Samuels
2.	PORTMORE	Cornel Shaw
3.	EASTWOOD PARK	Clement Clarke
4.	MONTEGO BAY	Ruel Robinson
5.	OLD HARBOUR	Donovan Knight
6.	ST. ANN'S BAY	Winston Foster
7.	PORT ANTONIO	Desmond Green
8.	MAY PEN	James Small
9.	SPANISH TOWN	Osbourne Fisher

**Leslie Pinnock** 

10. LUCEA

U	FFERINGS FOR	INE QUANTER
	CHURCH	PASTOR
1.	OLD HARBOUR	Donovan Knight
2.	WALTHAM PARK	Stevenson Samuels
3.	EASTWOOD PARK	Clement Clarke
4.	PORTMORE	Cornel Shaw
5.	MONTEGO BAY	Ruel Robinson
6.	ESCARPMENT ROAD	Leslie Pinnock
7.	MAY PEN	James Small
8.	SPANISH TOWN	Osbourne Fisher
9.	CLIFTON	Monroe Wisdom
10	. STEER TOWN	Mario Reid

TOP 10 CHURCHES IN

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**Donovan Knight** 

**Vernon Morrison** 

**Randy Collins** 

Stephanie Kirlew

**Terrence Gayle** 

Joseph Caine

(Per capita refers to the average amount (tithes or offerings) contributed per person over the quarter. This number is based on the church's report of its total membership as at the quarter's end.)

**OFFERINGS PER CAPITA** 

6. MANLEY MEADOWS Clive Abrahams

10. OLD HARBOUR BAY Robin Williams

**Deloris Trowers-Huntley** 

**Allan Brown** 

235

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1. OLD HARBOUR

2. GREENMOUNT

4. RUNAWAY BAY

3. NEWPORT

5. PRATVILLE

7. MARYLAND

9. MALVERN

8. PERTH TOWN

	CHURCH	PASTOR	MEMBERSHIP
1.	OLD HARBOUR	Donovan Knight	235
2.	GREENMOUNT	Allan Brown	4
3.	ST. MARGARET'S BAY	Odean Bennett	44
4.	OLD HARBOUR BAY	<b>Robin Williams</b>	26
5.	MALVERN	Joseph Caine	25
6.	FLINT RIVER	Wilbert Vassell	73
7.	PORTLAND COTTAGE	<b>Coleridge Minto</b>	14
8.	<b>MANLEY MEADOWS</b>	<b>Clive Abrahams</b>	60
9.	LITTLE BAY	<b>Everod Wright</b>	16
10.	PERTH TOWN	Terrence Gayle	12

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10. ESCARPMENT ROAD

CHURCH	PASTOR	ADDED
1. OLD HARBOUR	Donovan Knight	58
2. ORACABESSA	Wesley Daley	24
3. WIREFENCE	Patrick Downer	22
4. RAMBLE	Leary Small	20
5. PORT ANTONIO	Desmond Green	19
6. DUNCANS	Kirk McFarlane	13
7. ALLEY	Paul Morris	12
8. MAY PEN	James Small	11
9. JOE HUT	Patrick Downer	10

TOP 10 CHURCHES IN GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP

### TOP CHURCHES IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE BAPTISED IN THE HOLY GHOST

**Robert Williams** 

	CHURCH	PASTOR	<b>HOLY GHOST</b>
			FILLED
1.	OLD HARBOUR	Donovan Knight	8
2.	MOUNT PELIER	O'Neil Haughton	6
3.	GARLANDS	Marsha Daniels-Pov	vell 5
4.	SHEFFIELD	Javon Blackwood	5
5.	PORT ANTONIO	Desmond Green	5
6.	BENSONTON	Astley Brown	4
7.	ROCKY SETTLEMENT	Coleridge Minto	4
8.	SPALDING	Steve Hepburn	4
9.	FALMOUTH	Lloyd Lawrence	3
10.	CONTENT	Joy Davis-Dennis	3

### TOP 10 IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE BAPTISED IN WATER

	CHURCH	PASTOR	W	BAP
1.	OLD HARBOUR	Donovan Knight	40	
2.	ORACABESSA	Wesley Daley	29	
3.	PORT ANTONIO	Desmond Green	22	
4.	RUNAWAY BAY	<b>Deloris Trowers-Huntle</b>	ey 15	
5.	EASTWOOD PARK	Clement Clarke	12	
6.	ROCKY SETTLEME	NT Col	eridge Minto	12
7.	UNITY	Philemon Hines	10	
8.	PORTMORE	Cornel Shaw	9	
9.	WALTHAM PARK	Stevenson Samuels	9	
10	. ALEXANDRIA	Norman McGregor	8	

### 2024 CALENDAR

### **JANUARY 2024**

### **HEAL THE FAMILY ... HEAL THE COMMUNITY**

### **KEY VERSE: COLOSSIANS 1:10**

Many families harbour deep pain and unresolved hurts. There is no better time than the start of a new year to embark on a journey of healing and renewal in the family. May the times of prayer, fasting and the practice of other spiritual disciplines lead us to the Christ who forgives, heals and restores. Please go beyond the four walls of the church and reach out to families in your communities. Engage families in times of prayer, community family forums, mediation and conflict management training sessions.

DATE	ACTIVITIES/EVENTS	LOCATION
1	New Year's Day	
3	National Office reopens	
8	Let the Men Pray (LifeBuilders Prayer Session)	Virtual
8 – 14	National Teens Week	Local churches
13	National Teens Rally	Convention Centre
18	Parish Prayer and Word Conference	Every parish
19	Children and Teens Bible Quiz Competitions	Each local church
23	Credentialling and Ministry Preparation Seminar	Bethel Bible College
26	God-Style Lifestyle Session	May Pen Church
28	National Prayer and Testimony Sunday	Local church

### **FEBRUARY 2024**

### **BUILDING STRONG MARRIAGES**

### **KEY VERSE - GENESIS 2:8**

Use this month to promote the value and sacredness of marriage. Endeavour to equip young people with techniques and tools to build meaningful relationships that will lead to marriage. Teach your church about courtship and purity. Talk about the qualities of good husbands and wives. Share strategies to strengthen marriages. Host seminars for couples, special prayer meetings with couples, special sessions with members and their unsaved partners.

DATE	ACTIVITIES/EVENTS	LOCATION
1	District Pastors' Seminar	National Camp and Retreat Centre
14	Ash Wednesday	
	Women's Gathering - Cornwall	TBD
10	Sunday School Seminar	Old Harbour Church
17	Regional Talent Showcase Competition	Eastwood Park, Old Harbour
		Oracabessa, Montego Bay
20	Ministerial Examinations	Bethel Bible College
24	National Musicians Conference	Mandeville
24	Men, Dating, Courtship, and Marriage (LifeBuilde	ers Ministry) TBD
25	Water Baptism Sunday	Local church
29	Preferential Ballot for Administrative Bishop	May Pen

### **MARCH 2024**

### **MEN'S EMPOWERMENT MONTH**

### **KEY VERSE - 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13**

This month we celebrate and highlight our men. The high points for this month are the Men's Sunday and Men's Week. Each local church and or District is asked to stage a special public gathering for men, celebrating righteousness and calling men to loving and responsible living. Give attention to the roles and responsibilities of men in families.

There may be district and parish events and also local church focus including, sermons, special Bible study series, men's Bible study, prayer meetings and men's evangelistic outreach. Ensure that records are kept and follow-up done. It would be exciting if districts/local churches conduct a Men's March for Righteousness.

DATE	ACTIVITIES/EVENTS	LOCATION
1-31	Bible Reading through the Book of Romans (Youth)	All churches
1-3	Life Builders Men's Retreat	TBA
8	International Women's Day Conference	Virtual
9	Children's and Teens Bible Quiz Competition	Eastwood Park, May Pen, Mandeville, Oracabessa, Montego Bay
10	Men's Sunday	
10	National Retirement Service: Rev. Lois Daley	Philadelphia
10- 15	Men's Week	All churches
23	God-Style Lifestyle	Lucea
23	Gathering of the Warriors	TBA
24	Palm Sunday	Local churches
29	Good Friday	Local churches
31	Easter Sunday	Local churches