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FROM THE CBF PRESIDENT'S DESK



I have always wondered, why the book of Mark is so short, in comparison to the other gospels until I read the words of Norman Perrin, a New Testament Scholar who made the observation that Mark seemed to be in a mad rush to the cross. According to Perry, "Every major section of the gospel ends on a note pointing to the cross." It seems to me that for Mark, the cross is the goal of discipleship.

It is of interest to note, that the first section of the book features Christ as a man of extraordinary power. This is demonstrated in his teaching, healing, exorcising and preaching ministry. In this section – Mark 1- 8: 26, with 27-30 being a transitional section, Mark focuses on the power of darkness being brought under subjection by the saving power of Christ. The first section is also known for messianic secrecy, in that Jesus avoided making direct reference to himself as Messiah, as well as, refusing to give any indication about his suffering.

However, in the second section of the book – Mark 8:31- 16 - precipitated by the transitional section that addresses the identity if Jesus, Jesus predicted his own passion and resurrection. So pronounced is the passion prediction of Christ in this section that Mark records three different occasions where Jesus predicted his death – Mark 8: 31- 9:1; 9: 31-37; 10: 32-45. All three predictions reveal a set pattern, namely passion prediction, misunderstanding on the part of the disciples and teaching on discipleship by Jesus.

It is clear from these predictions, that Jesus identified the religious leaders as being responsible for handing him over to be put to death. The Jews had a difficulty understanding the predicted suffering of Christ, in that they were expecting a political Messiah and Warrior King and not a suffering Saviour. As a result Jesus had to spend time educating his disciples about what it means to be a disciple and the implications to be in the company of the Christ of passion.

As I greet you my Baptist family, I encourage you to endure the pain of your cross, fully confident that you shall rise again. The importance of the cross, in a secular world where visibility is given to success and prosperity cannot be over emphasized. Every effort must be made, to protect the Faith from a lopsided view of the Christian experience that tilts more in the direction of success and prosperity, at the expense of pain and suffering. An authentic perspective of the Faith is one that holds in tension, the cross and the resurrection, meaning suffering and victory.

A Blessed Easter to all !!

FROM THE CBF EST DESK



EXCERTS FROM THE EST REPORT TO BWA EXECUTIVE MEETING

MARCH 6-9, 2016

Mr President, members of the executive, the report of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship is presented at a time of changes in political administration in Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Haiti and Jamaica and the threat

of Zika Virus (ZIKV). The Caribbean region has never been without challenges. Amidst the challenges, the respective unions/associations/conventions continue to ensure that they remain faithful and relevant in bearing witness to the presence of God's Kingdom. The CBF is faced with the mammoth task of mobilizing, coordinating and facilitating the various ministries from a regional standpoint to ensure the best use of limited resources.

Communication

The geographical layout of the Caribbean poses a problem for ease of travel in the region. Therefore, travelling from territory to territory is both challenging and expensive. As a result, creative ways have had to be found to get the work done. Over the last ten months, Skype meetings with members of the presidium, chairpersons and assistants were arranged by the CBF office to



discuss terms of reference and share ideas relative to ministry possibilities.

In an attempt to improve communication and administrative efficiency, the region has been divided into four zones. Each zone comprised of no fewer than five territories with two zone mobilizers. The zone mobilizers will be expected to be a point of contact and reference for CBF in the respective zones as well as to assist in the rejuvenation of dormant member bodies and membership drive for both CBF and

BWA among other things.

CBF Executive Meeting and Baptist Gathering

The executive meeting of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship was held from November 11-12, 2015 at

the Grenadian by Rex Resort, St. Georges, Grenada. We were pleased to have had in attendance at the Officers' Meeting, the Rev. Neville Callam on November 10. The Rev. Mr Callam was Guest Speaker at the 40th anniversary service of the St George's Baptist Church in Grenada.

Among the decisions taken at the executive meeting were:

- 1. The rolling out of a specially designed theological training programme targeting pastors who have never had formal theological training and new recruits
- 2. The establishment of an endowment fund in honour of the late Rev. Azariah McKenzie, a former EST and BWA regional secretary
- 3. The publication of the history of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship by 2017. The research was

done by the Rev. Arthur Edgar. The script is ready for proof reading and publication.





4. The observation/celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship in 2010. A committee has been put in place to plan for this historic moment.



Approximately 200 Baptists with representatives from eleven Caribbean territories met on Thursday night, November 12 for the Baptist Gathering at the Grand Anse Baptist Church, Grenada. Representatives from the Government, civic and ecumenical communities were also in attendance. Guest preacher was the Rev. David Serrant, President of the Dominica Baptist Union and Director of the Caribbean Baptist men's department. Greetings were given on the occasion by the Hon. Emmanlin Pierre, Minister of Sports, Youth and Religious Affairs; Rev. Dr. Raphael Osbert James, Grenada Conference of Churches and the Rev. Gerald Keens-Douglas, Grenada Allaince of Evangelical Churches.

Significant Milestone

The Federation of Baptists in Guadeloupe commemorated their fortieth anniversary on October 18, 2015. The EST who attended the worship service was the guest preacher. He used the opportunity to encourage the Federation to consider applying for membership in the BWA. The Federation was also urged to resume using Sunday school literature provided by the Caribbean Christian Publications, the publishing agency of CBF.



On Sunday, October 26, 2015, the EST attended and

participated in the 10th anniversary service of the Cayman Islands Baptist Church. The congratulation and best wishes of CBF and BWA were conveyed to Pastor and people by the EST who brought greetings on the occasion. Of note was the presence of the Rev. Lambert Mills, a former President of CBF and the Barbados Baptist College and the first full time Pastor of the church.



Special Visits to Member Bodies

The EST made special visits to select conventions in the region for various reasons as outlined:

1. **Dominica**: In the month of August, Dominica was devastated by Tropical Storm Erika. About two weeks after the passage of the storm, Vice President Mrs. Bernadette Richards – Duncan visited the country on behalf of CBF to signal the solidarity of the Fellowship as well as to carry out an assessment. Subsequent to the Vice President's visit, the EST visited in October and presented a cheque to the Baptist Union of Dominica to assist in their relief efforts. The CBF is grateful for the financial contributions received from Baptist World

Aid, American Baptist Churches International Ministries and unions/conventions/associations from the region. Unilateral relief efforts were also extended to Dominica by Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Antigua and Guadeloupe.

- 2. Bahamas: Hurricane Joaquin hammered islands in central Bahamas with torrential rains that flooded homes. While infrastructural damages were minimal, many persons were displaced due to the flooding. The CBF President, Rev Dr. William Thompson visited and signalled the solidarity of the regional and global Baptist families to the affected citizens.
- Antigua: A visit was made by the EST to Antigua to assess the progress made in reviving the Baptist Association since 2012 when the CBF mid-Term Assembly was held in that







country. Various factors impeded the resuscitation of the association as well as renewed interest in the BWA. The three Pastors who attended the meeting with the EST pledged to have united worship every 5th Sunday and monthly meetings of the Pastors.

4. **Cayman Islands:** A meeting of the Pastors and representatives of all the churches in the Cayman Islands was planned to coincide with the EST visit on October 26. All the churches were represented except one. The gathering was addressed by the EST who encouraged them to deliberately and systematically put plans in place to strengthen their resolve to revitalize their Association. At the meeting, the group decided to have a united worship in October 2016 to commemorate the 130th anniversary of Baptist work in the Cayman Islands.

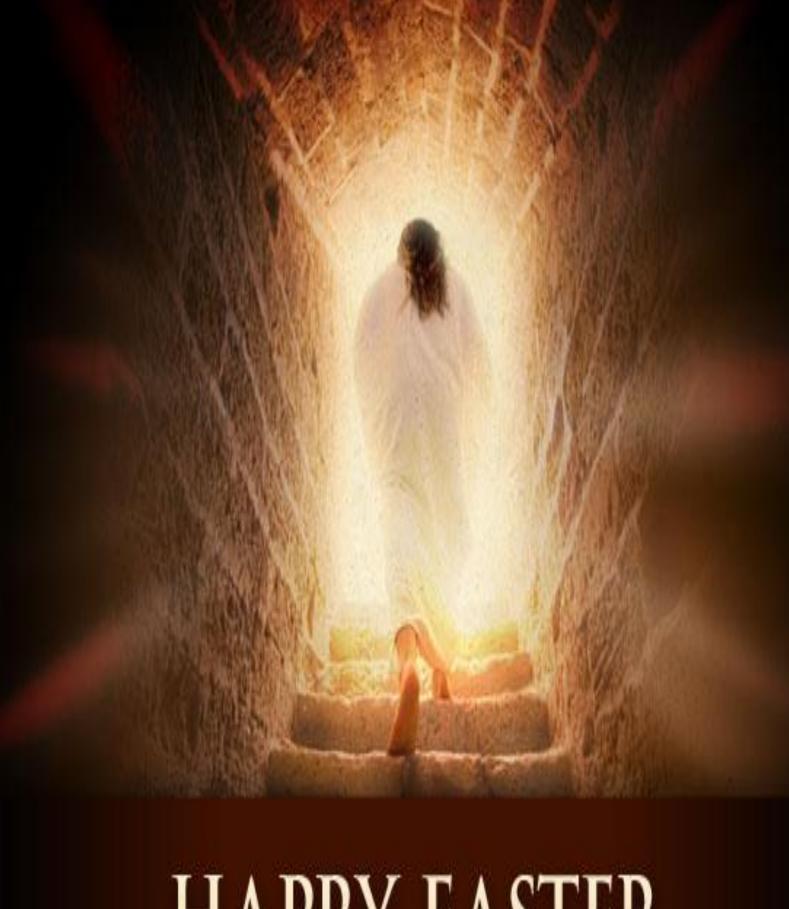


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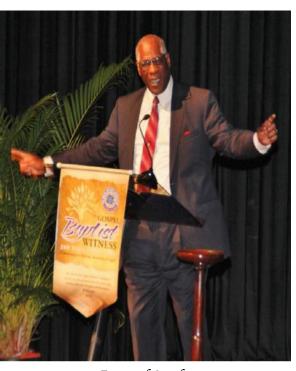
The Caribbean Baptist Fellowship is undoubtedly fulling its objectives under the leadership of our President; the Rev. Dr. William Thompson. His insightful and visionary leadership has led to renewed interest in the Fellowship. Conventions/Unions/Associations are not only showing interest in the regional fellowship, but also the global body. The Fellowship is grateful to Miss Santana Morris, Administrator, for her commitment and hard work. The CBF pledges its full and unequivocal support to the work of the Baptist World Alliance.

Submitted by:

Everton Jackson (Rev.) Executive Secretary/Treasurer



HAPPY EASTER



Featured Speaker Rev. Dr. Victor Anthony Cadette

BAPTIST IN TRINIDAD UNITE FOR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday 13th March 2016, six different Baptist groups came together under the umbrella of the Gospel Baptists Association of Trinidad and Tobago (GBATT) to celebrate 200 years of Baptist presence and witness on the twin island state of Trinidad and Tobago. Baptists in the twin Isalnd, numbering approximately 10,000 members in some 100 churches, traced their history to 1816 with the arrival of a group of former slaves, marines and soldiers who fought on the side of the British during the American War of 1812-1814.

Featured Speaker at the Grand Thanksgiving Service was former President and General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Trinidad and Tobago; former Caribbean Baptist Fellowship President and commission member of the Baptist World Alliance, Rev. Dr. Victor Anthony "Ken" Cadette. In his inspiring and informative sermon, Cadette compared the journey of the former slaves who had become soldiers and saints, to the biblical journey of the Israelites who were slaves in Egypt. Just as they were set free and 'crossed the Red Sea' to the Promised Land so too the Baptists had been set free



and 'crossed the Caribbean Sea' to their promised land. He further challenged the Baptists to be faithful in spreading the Gospel and establishing new congregations just as early pioneers.



In attendance were The Honourable Randall Mitchell, Minister of Public Administration in the ruling People's National Movement (PNM) government, the Mayor of San Fernando, Haji Kasim Hosein, Episcopal Bishop, His Lordship Rev Claude Berkley, heads of various denominations including The Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies, The Open Bible Standard Churches, the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. The Caribbean Baptist Fellowship (CBF) was represented by Vice President, Mrs. Bernadette Richards-Duncan and Mobiliser, Rev Brenda Kirton-Harewood.

Member of Parliament The Honourable Randall Mitchell

indall Mitchell The event took place at the beautiful and spacious

Sundar Popo Buparlal Hall of the Southern Academy for the Performing Arts (SAPA) in San Fernando. The celebrative moment was punctuated with musical offerings, dance, poetry and greetings. Among the greetings was a videotaped greeting given by the Rev. David Kerrigan, General Director of the BMS who celebrated the long and fruitful relationship shared with the Trinidad and Tobago Baptists. Kerrigan acknowledged that even though the relationship had not always been smooth, there was good reason to celebrate God's faithfulness.



Fellowship

Mrs. Bernadette Richards-Duncan

Dr. Neville Callam, General Secretary of the BWA in his written greetings called to mind and celebrated all the men and women who had laboured

among the Baptists of Trinidad and Tobago including William Hamilton, Nelton Richardson, Beryl Saunders, Norris Ryan and former BWA Communications Director Wendy Ryan. He encouraged historians to

history for posterity. CBF Vice President Richards-Duncan who brought greetings on behalf of the CBF challenged the

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Baptists to keep the momentum alive by making the event an annual one.

The Bicentennial Celebrations will continue through the year with a Gala Dinner on $18^{\rm th}$ June 2016 and a National Church Growth Leadership Conference and book launch on 17th September 2016.



The United Baptist Bell Choir

Missionary Union Youth **Dance** Ministers



A cross section of the congregation



CARIBBEAN BAPTIST PERSONALALITY

REV. DR. CECIL A. RICHARDS



Dr. Cecila A. Richards

Dr. Cecil A. Richards was born on the island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, in the Southern Caribbean as the second of six children. Growing up in a Christian home, he was encouraged to attend the Divine Worship Service and Sunday School at the Kingston Baptist Church where he was "dedicated". At the age of thirteen (about the time of his salvation), he first sensed the call to become involved in ministry and by age fifteen had begun assuming leadership responsibilities in the church's youth fellowship program. At the age of twenty-two, he surrendered to the call of the pastoral ministry and was ordained thereafter.

The KBC extended a call to Dr. Richards to be assistant pastor while in his early twenties. Up to that time, his only qualification was a calling for the pastoral ministry. He had no tertiary



education and certainly no theological training. In spite of this, KBC called him to be their pastor before his twenty-fifth birthday. As he embraced the challenge of leading the church, it became clear that his calling and zeal could be complemented with theological training. Therefore, after three years as pastor of KBC, he pursued a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Theology and Business Administration at the Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, a Baptist Institution.

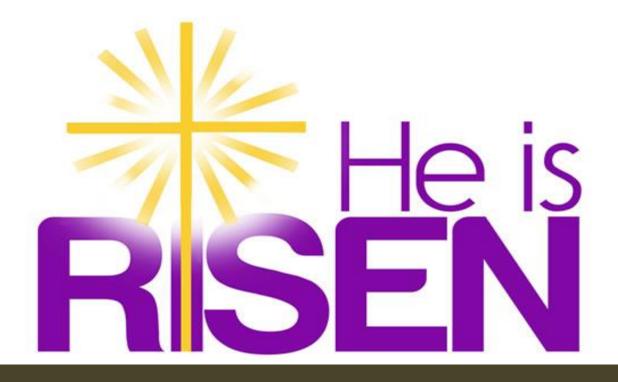
He subsequently continued his preparation for leadership by completing his Master of Arts in Religion at the same institution, where he was recognized for his outstanding work. He completed his formal training with a Master of Arts in Christian Education and a Doctoral Degree in Education Ministries from the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. As his contribution to the equipping of church leaders, Dr. Richards has been teaching a module on leadership. This is specially crafted to accommodate emerging leaders and other believers who display leadership potential. Dr. Richards has been involved with the Baptist work in St. Vincent for almost four decades serving in multiple capacities. He has served as youth leader, pastor, pianist, teacher, vocalist and puppeteer. He has also served two separate terms as the president of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Baptist Convention. Some of his favourite buzz words include: 'incarnational', impactful, transformational, 'factalling', focus, purpose, productivity, commitment and "sold-out".

In addition, he has utilized the media (primarily radio and television) on a weekly basis to impact and influence people through church services, daily inspirational words, and weekly social commentary. Many of the media presentations are available on YouTube.

He remains a strong supporter of missions, which he pursues from the stance of partnership as opposed to patronage. He endorses the Baptist work offered through the Baptist World Alliance, the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship, the Jamaica Baptist Union and the Bartow Baptist Association with whom the Baptist Convention has fostered strong bilateral partnerships.

Outside of the Baptist work, Dr. Richards has been very involved in the ecclesiastical life on the island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Most of these opportunities have come through being very active in the Association of Evangelical Churches of SVG. He is also an adjunct lecturer for the Jamaica Theological Seminary, SVG Campus.

He has been serving at the Kingstown Baptist Church as pastor since 1989. Serving with him throughout his entire ministerial life is his wife, Carol. Richol, their daughter, completes their family unit. It is Dr. Richard's joy to help expand the Kingdom of God, through the faithful execution of his Christian calling. His total passion in life has been and still is: "To know Christ and to make Him known to all men."





JAMAICA BAPTIST UNION ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Reverend Dr. Devon Dick, Pastor of a congregation of 1000 members was installed on Sunday, (28 February) as President of the Jamaica Baptist Union in the closing services of the Union's 166th General Assembly held at the National Arena.

As President, Reverend Dick provides leadership to 337 congregations of which three are located in Haiti and one – St. James based Lilliput Baptist - was added on Sunday. Devon Dick will be supported by two vice-presidents, Karen Kirlew, Pastor of the St. Ann's Bay Circuit of Baptist Churches and Johnathan Hemmings, Pastor of the Ocho Rios Circuit, and a 32 member Executive, including General Secretary, Karl Johnson. This is the third time in the history of the Jamaica Baptist Union that a female has been elected Vice President and first

time that a female clergy will serve in that office.



Rev. Dr. Devon Dick.

In a statement following his installation, Rev. Dick acknowledged the awesome responsibility of leading the union at this time, noting that his primary focus will be on mission. He pointed to the Mission 2020 goal of attaining 20, 000 members and urged all Baptists to use every opportunity to reach more people with the Gospel. In order to do CARIBBEAN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

so he said, sacrifices would have to be made. He further encouraged Baptists to engage in best practices in ministries that would give expression to the sacrificial life.

Rev Dick has 30 years in pastoral ministry, since he was commissioned at the Fletchers Grove Circuit of Baptist Churches in 1985. He has been serving at the Boulevard Baptist Church since 1990. A consummate writer who has several publications in regional and international journals, Reverend Dick is a Gleaner columnist and author of two books: **From Rebellion to Riot, the Jamaican Church in Nation Building** and **The Cross and the Machete: The Native Baptists of Jamaica-Identity, Ministry and Legacy**.



Jamaica Baptist Union Delegates

The Assembly was convened first at the Boulevard Baptist on Sunday 21-24 February, under the theme: **Being God's People in God's World, Living the Sacrificial Life.** The closing worship services were addressed by East Queen Street Baptist Deacon Anthony Falloon and outgoing President Michael Shim-Hue. In Devon Dick has a lifelong interest in the institution of National Heroes and the Church in nation building as evidenced in his Caribbean Studies project, 'William Knibb a National Hero?' (1985); his postgraduate thesis 'Paul Bogle: Prophet without Honour' (1997) and his PhD dissertation 'The Origin and Development of the Native Baptists and the Influence of their Biblical Hermeneutic on the 1865 Native Baptist War' (2008).

his message, Falloon exhorted Baptists to give to God their unreserved gratitude; unwavering commitment and unconditional service. Assuming a similar tenor, Shim-Hue who brought the curtains down on the 166th General Assembly urged Baptists to live a life of total surrender, submission and subjection to God.



BWA VICE PRESIDENT REV. ANSLEM WARRICK



Rev. Anslem Warrick

Rev. Anslem Warrick, Vice President of the Baptist World Alliance, an Executive Member of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship and General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Trinidad and Tobago was invited to be the Preacher during the San Andres,

Providence and Santa Catalina Baptist Association's Convention from 20th -25th January 2016. The Convention was held on Old Providence Island or Providencia.

The Theme of the Convention was Jesus Christ: the Door which, as those who attended would realise, is the theme from the 21st BWA Congress held in Durban, South Africa. Similar sub-themes were also used

IN SAN ANDRES ISLAND

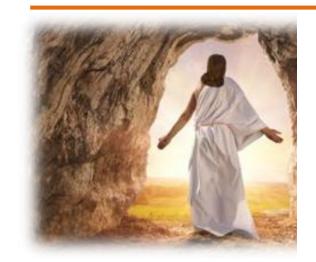
for each night, including The Door to Life, the Door to Love, The Door to Leadership, the Door to Worship and the Door to Liberty. The services were well attended and each night many persons came forward to receive Christ and also for renewal and prayer.



While the islands are governed by Columbia and Spanish is the dominant language, the



services were all conducted in Creole and English. In reflecting on his experience in San Andres, Anselm Warrick said that the people were able to understand his



Trinidadian accent. He exrpressed appreciation for their hospitality, warmth and kindness. Anselm was gracious for the opportunity to bring greetings each night of the services on behalf of the Baptist World Alliance and the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship.

The Services were all held at the Central Baptist Church in the heart of Providence where Pastor Marlon Wilmo Howard is the Pastor. The President of the Association is Pastor Ricky Santos.





CCP SUNDAY TEACHER TRAINING CONFERENCE

INSPIRATIONAL AND ENGAGING

CCP SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING CONFERENCE HELD IN THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

INTRODUCTION

A three-member team from Caribbean Christian Publications comprised of: *Erica James-King (Team Leader), Tamara Francis and Stacy-Ann Anderson* conducted training of Sunday School Teachers/Workers in Tortola, British Virgin Islands from Tuesday, January 19 to Saturday, January 23. The CCP Sunday School Teacher Training Conference was held at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church in West End, Tortola, under the theme, "*Re-energizing & Expanding Your Sunday School Ministry*." We went on the invitation of Pastor of



Cross section of persons in attendance

the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Elroy Liburd; who had explained that his Sunday School workers had not benefited from any structured training programme during the last 15 years.

Our three-member team partnered with Mount Carmel and its affiliate and neighbouring churches in helping to strengthen their Sunday School ministries. The CCP team had an exciting and meaningful time of training, fellowship and worship with the conferees and the wider Mount Carmel Church family.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Conference officially got underway with an Opening Ceremony on January 19 at 7:15pm, which preceded the first training sessions on that day. Of note is that all the training sessions took place after regular work hours and normally ended around 9:00 p.m. During that Ceremony, Pastor Elroy Liburd led devotions. He also delivered the official welcome and greetings. Erica James-King did the introduction of CCP personnel, as well as an overview of CCP's mission, ministry and publications.

TRAINEES & BENEFICIARY CHURCHES

A total of 61 persons from six churches benefited from the training exercise, which, as already noted, was held nightly. The beneficiary churches were: *Mount Carmel Baptist, New Life Baptist, Faith Baptist, Cane Garden Bay Baptist and First Assembly of God. There was a visitorparticipant on one night from the Church of God.* Of all the participant churches, only Mount Carmel Baptist Church is a current user of our Sunday School literature, while New Life Baptist Church is a former user of our books. I presented all churches, which are not current users of our book, with introductory/promotional kits on CCP, the range of CCP Sunday School literature offerings as well as current and copies of our manuals.

Over 40 persons were in attendance during the first night of the conference and that number increased to 51 on the second night when representatives of Cane Garden Bay and Faith Baptist joined the gathering. The attendance of the conference peaked at 61 during the third night of the conference and fluctuated around that figure for the remainder of the conference.

TRAINING COHORTS

Training was carried out in six cohorts— Beginners, Younger Children, Older Children, Youth, Adults and Superintendents. *Stacy-Ann Anderson was trainer/facilitator for teachers of Beginners; Tamara Francis played a similar role for the teachers of Younger and Older Children, while Erica James-King was trainer/facilitator for Superintendents as well as teachers of Youth and Adults.* Many conferees were Sunday School Teachers and delegates from their churches who will be responsible for training other teachers. In this regard, several conferees attended more than one training groups. Although there were 61 registered conferees, there was a combined total of 74 persons recorded in the training cohorts. That means an estimated 13 conferees participated in at least two training cohorts.

Another noticeable trend among conference participants was that some of them were substitute teachers, while a few were prospective Sunday School Teachers.

The trainees for each training cohort were as follows:

- ✤ Beginners 7
- ✤ Younger Children 8
- Older Children 2
- ✤ Youth 21
- ✤ Adults 24
- Superintendents 12

We provided conferees with training kits/folders comprised of training manuals; useful handouts on lesson preparation techniques, creative methodologies in the classroom, characteristics of the learner and leader; CCP bookmarkers and Jamaican-branded souvenir key rings.



Editors of young children publications



CLOSING CEREMONY

The Closing Exercise was held on Saturday, January 23 after the training workshop for Superintendents. That Ceremony included testimonials from trainees, official presentation of certificates to trainees, an official presentation of gifts from CCP to the Mount Carmel Baptist Church (received by the Church Secretary) and to Pastor Liburd. The Closing Ceremony also featured acts of commitment through song and choral reading, as well as a closing prayer and benediction.

Written by:

Erica James-King, CCP



Editor of Beginners' Publication- Stacy-Ann Anderson



BAPTISTS YOUTH HEADING TO TRINIDAD & TOBAGO FOR YOUTH FESTIVAL 2017

Theme: "I stand for... Jesus"

The Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Youth Festival is a triennial regional youth conference, which brings Baptist youth from the Caribbean and Diaspora to one location for fellowship enrichment, spiritual renewal and business, as well to foster positive youth development throughout the region.

At the 10th CBF youth festival held in Dominica in 2014, Trinidad and Tobago was selected as the next host country for the festival planned for July 2017. The youth of Trinidad and Tobago who were present at the 2014 Festival e enthusiastically accepted the invitation. They expressed their joy for the opportunity to showcase the culture of the twin island state.



President, Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Youth Department Mrs. Jody Mckenna

A local arrangement committee has been put in place to plan the logistics of the festival, which normally attracts between 200-400 youth ranging in age from 13-35 years. The theme for the Festival will be "I Stand for...Jesus." There will be a local launch in May 2016 to sensitize and mobilize local Baptists in Trinidad and Tobago. The constituency will be adequately informed as soon as the festival venue, fee structure, festival schedule and promotional plans among other logistics are finalized.

A special prayer focus is being planned as a critical part of the preparatory process leading up to the Festival. We shall be guided by Paul's admonition in Philippians 4:6: "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be

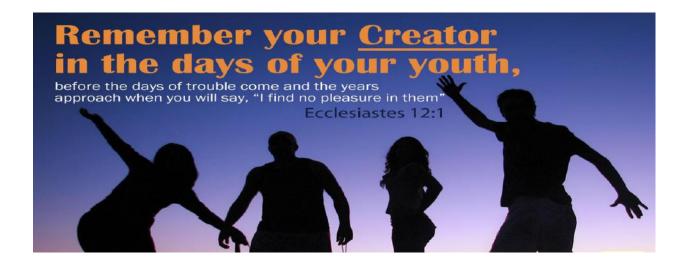


made known unto God." Therefore, an invitation is being extended to Caribbean youth to avail themselves to be intercessors for the Festival. If you feel led to be a part of this ministry, kindly submit your contact information to khanib@hotmail.com or call Khanifa Barrington at 1 (868) 346-7902.

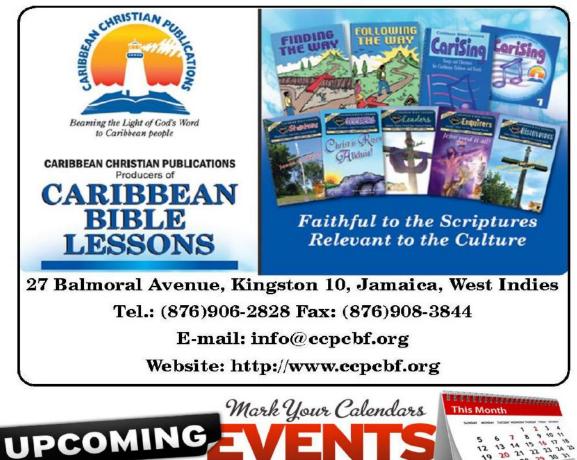
Pray with us for one or all of the following concerns throughout the next seventeen months.

- 1. To know God's will for the CBF festival
- 2. Wisdom for the members of the Local Organizing Committee
- 3. Finances and other resources for the festival (sponsors, donations)
- 4. The presence of the Holy Spirit not only during praise and worship sessions, but for all activities during the festival.
- 5. For the delegates and participants at the festival to receive from God and have an enjoyable time
- 6. A safe and secure festival
- 7. Thanksgiving for answered prayers

Kindly visit the youth page on the CBF website for additional information







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- CBF SUNDAY (JUNE 2016)
- CARIBBEAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION CONFERENCE (JULY 20-24, 2016)
- TURKS & CAICOS BAPTIST UNION EVENT (JULY 6-10, 2016)
- CBF EXECUTIVE MEETING & BAPTIST GATHERING- BARBADOS (OCTOBER 26-27, 2016)
- **Gradient Control Feature 4** CBF YOUTH FESTIVAL (JULY 2017)