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# CBF NOTES

## SUMMER EDITION

### CBF Notes...

Caribbean Baptists' way of staying in touch. We will always need your help in the following ways:

- Distribute *CBF Notes* as widely as possible.
- Forward the *CBF Notes* to your email contacts.
- Post a hard copy of the *CBF Notes* on your church's bulletin board.
- Send us contributions about what is happening at your National body and individual churches.
- Join our mailing list by sending your email address to us.
- Pray for us!

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



*Rev. Dr. William Thompson*

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My Family,

**T**he importance of preparation cannot be overemphasized.

Adequate preparation is required to guarantee success in academic pursuits, business ventures, efficient execution of portfolio responsibilities and stress-free retirement among other things. Similarly, preparation is critical to determine one's eternal destiny.

The parable of the ten young women is instructive in this regard. According to the parable five were wise and five foolish. The level of preparation determined in which category the young ladies were placed. Those who made adequate preparation to meet the bridegroom and to respond to any unforeseen circumstance were considered wise while those who failed to make adequate preparation were regarded as foolish. The principle of adequate preparation is

This time of the year usually creates a level of anxiety due to the uncertainty of the weather pattern. It is the hurricane season and the people of the Caribbean know more than anyone else, what this means. Over the years, many Caribbean territories have been ravaged and devastated by hurricanes. The results have been devastating in terms of the loss of life and infrastructural damage. Some countries are still recovering from the catastrophic impact of hurricanes of past years.

It behooves all and sundry, therefore, to ensure that adequate preparation is made to buffer the onslaught of any storm or hurricane that might visit our region. Keeping our immediate surroundings clear of huge, heavily-foliaged trees and drains free of debris as well as ensuring the fortification of our dwellings and other properties are steps in the right direction. Too often, our people who live in flood prone areas, are inclined to be reactive rather than being proactive. Those who are given to reactivity invariably pay a high price. Not only they, who pay a price, but governments, NGOs, the church community, among others, often have to divert resources to assist in these oft' avoidable impacts. Certainly, it is better to be prepared and nothing happens than to be caught unprepared.

It is my prayer that the Caribbean region will be spared the devastating onslaught of storms and hurricanes during this season.

Shalom!

William Thompson (Rev. Dr.)  
**President**

# FROM THE EST'S DESK



Rev. Everton Jackson,

## FROM THE EST'S DESK

The annual gathering of the Baptist World Alliance was held in Vancouver, Canada from July 4 to 8 2016. About twenty five Baptists from the Caribbean and the Diaspora attended. The regional meeting chaired by the Rev. Karl B. Johnson, in the absence of the President, featured: worship led by Rev. Karen Kirlew and Rev. Deonie Duncan, greetings from the BWA General Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Neville Callam, updates from the EST and an open discussion on organizing CBF for ministry, getting the Caribbean Baptists interested in CBF, funding CBF for ministry and sharing of ideas for the CBF mid-term assembly due in 2017.

The EST represented the CBF at the induction service of the Rev. Patrick Powell, senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of The Cayman Islands, on Sunday, September 4, 2016. The prayer of induction was offered by the EST who welcomed the new Pastor to the regional family of Baptists. The Frist Baptist Church of The Cayman Islands remains a strong supporter of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship.

The EST paid a visit to the Baptists in Bermuda and Belize recently. The conversation in both countries centered on the strengthening of the relationship between the Baptists in these countries and the regional and global families of Baptists. It was discovered that the Bermuda Baptist Fellowship is defunct. However, there is an informal relationship among the three Baptist churches in Bermuda. Let us pray for the Baptists in Bermuda as they seek the will of God regarding the resuscitation of the Fellowship and the future of their relationship with the CBF and BWA.

The CBF executive and Baptist Gathering will be held at the Radisson Aquatica Resort in Barbados from October 26-27, 2016.



Caribbean Delegates At BWA Gathering-  
Vancouver



*Est's visit to Bermuda*



# FROM THE EST'S DESK

Plans are in high gear as the Local Arrangement Committee is ensuring a meaningful, productive and spirit filled encounter. A special feature of the gathering will be the convening of men's women's and youth meetings on Tuesday, October 25 as well as the Baptist Gathering on Thursday, October 27. In addition the CCP will be conducting Sunday School training on Saturday, October 29 for Sunday School workers. The executive meetings which will be held over two days 26 October 27 will feature special presentations on theological issues such as biblical soundings on stewardship, witnessing and discipleship in the Caribbean region and relief and development with special reference to disaster preparedness and response. Other agenda items will include reports from the EST; men's, women's and

youth department; ministry groups, Caribbean Christian Publications and a plan of action for the mid – term assembly scheduled for Nassau, Bahamas in 2017. The Caribbean Baptist Fellowship proudly congratulates Miss Santana Morris, our Administrator for being one of the 2016 recipients of the Governor General of Jamaica Awards for Excellence for the parish of St. James, Jamaica.

**Submitted by:**

**Everton Jackson (Rev.)  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer**



*First Baptist Church of Cayman Islands, Rev. Patrick Powell, Senior Pastor and EST  
Rev. Everton Jackson*

# FROM THE EST'S DESK



*EST'S Visit to Belize, 2016*



*EST praying at Induction Service in  
Cayman Island, 2016*



*EST'S Visit To Bermuda, 2016*

**C**ARIBBEAN BAPTIST  
FELLOWSHIP YOUTH FESTIVAL  
JULY, 2017

**ARE YOU READY?**



# Turks & Caicos 54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Conference

The Turks and Caicos Islands Baptist Union Inc. concluded its 54th. Annual General Conference under the theme: The Great Commission: His Last Command, Our First Concern. This theme was the same one that was used last conference and members felt that there was more that could be gleaned from exploring this topic further.

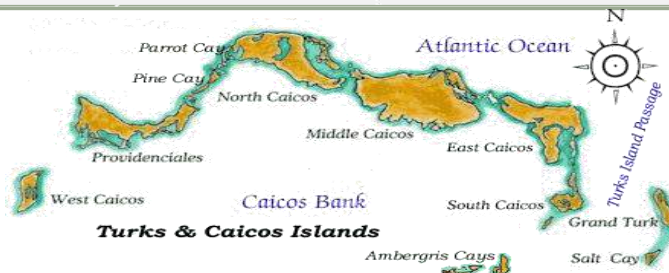
The conference lasted from Wednesday, July 6, to Sunday July 10, 2016 and the host church was the Salem Baptist Church in Grand Turk, with host pastor, Rev. Chad Ike Archbold.

Prayer sessions, Bible Study, executive and general meetings, an open-air evangelistic meeting as well as discussion fora were held. Our special mission project was conducted as delegates distributed much-needed supplies to elderly members. These included bed linen, food items and water. One recipient was given a dining room set.

Small delegations visited persons in prison. One highlight of the conference was a grand concert where the participants performed in church or organized groups, like Women's Band and Men's Brotherhood.

## The following is the executive body:

President:	Rev. Derek Hamilton
Vice President:	Deacon Willette Swann
Executive Secretary:	Rev. Pedro S. Williams
Asst. Executive Secretary:	Deaconess Rhesa Cartwright
Treasurer	Sis. Sarah Quant
Director, Christian Education & Stewardship	Sis. Hope Hamilton
Director, Evangelism & Missions	Deacon Leonard Glasgow
Director, Men's Brotherhood	Deacon Henry Wilson
Director, Women's Missionary Band	Sis. Buela Hamilton
Director, Youth	Sis. Nerissa Lewis







# St. Vincent & the Grenadines Women's Retreat

## St. Vincent & The Grenadines Women's Retreat, 2016



The Campden Park Baptist Church hosted the Annual Ladies Retreat, from May 27 -29, 2016 under the theme, *Sailing On Life's Seas*. This retreat is held every year on the week-end after Whit Monday. Over the weekend, more than 40 ladies participated in this time of spiritual refreshing. Sis. Bernadette Richards-Duncan designed and presented a brochure with information on the CBWU and the BWA women's arm, and spoke of the need for the SVGBC to once again become actively involved at that level.

The local Coast Guard made a presentation that mirrored the theme of the retreat. Among the points they mentioned were that:

(1) Sailors should be equipped with a distress signal instrument. If a boat has one, the Coast Guard Base can pick up the distress signal and provide immediate assistance. *(That instrument is like our prayer line to God.)*

(2) The Coast Guard has a navigator to get where you they are going *(We Christians cannot go forward without our navigator, our pilot.)*

(3) The Coast Guard escorts vessels on excursions, to provide a sense of security. *(The Holy Spirit "escorts" us. He is always present, always near.)*

(4) Our Coast Guard builds relationships with counterparts from other countries so they are able to call on any country for assistance as needed. *(We Christians form relationships locally and internationally also, and we call on each other for fellowship and in times of need.)*

(5) Communication instruments and fuel are vital. Without those basic necessities in place, no amount of training will get them where they need to be. They cannot move without them. *(Prayer is our communication and our source of power. We cannot make a move without those fundamentals).*

Special appreciation was extended to Sis. Marilyn Selby Townsend for taking the lead in planning and executing yet another successful gathering.

CARIBBEAN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

# EXECUTIVE MEETING

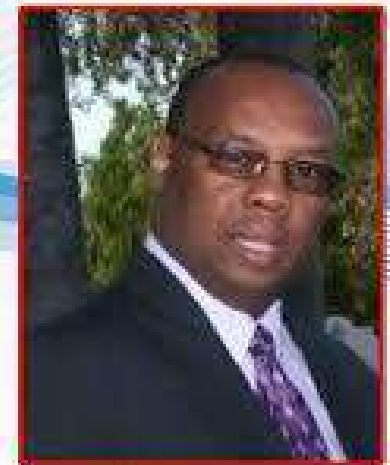
## AND *Baptist Gathering*

**OCTOBER 26 – 27, 2016**

**RADISSON HOTEL, ST. MICHAEL, BARBADOS**

Theme:

# Jesus Christ, The Door



Guest Preacher:  
**REV. KARL HENLIN**  
CHAIRMAN  
CCB BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### SPECIAL FEATURES

- October 25 – Officer's Meeting
- October 26-27 – Executive Meeting
- October 27 (p.m.) – Baptist Gathering

### OTHER FEATURES

- Men's Seminar
- Women's Meeting
- Youth/Young Adult Meeting
- Sunday School Teachers' Training



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# CCP WRITERS' CONFERENCE

## CCP Writers' Conference – A Call to Obedience



Another chapter in the life story of Caribbean Christian Publications (CCP) has just been written. The whole story, when concluded, will encompass six years and be six 'chapters' long. CCP started on this particular road in 2014, hence the year 2016 marks the mid-point of this journey. Having written Phase Four Youth and Adult Sunday School lessons for the past three consecutive years, utilising a six-year curriculum, lessons will be written for three more years after which a recycling process will begin.

The objective of this year's writers' conference undertaking was to write lessons to be used in 2017-2018 for the two age cohorts.

When lessons would have been written for six years, CCP will recycle Year One lessons in the seventh year and continue in that vein until we are once again able to write new lessons.

What a week it was, for those who wrote lessons for Adults and Youth! Each day, some participants wrote well into the wee hours; weary and worn yet fired up to keep going and going and doing, until it was done.

Later, some of the volunteers said that the experience had been daunting, even scary at the start. They had been apprehensive as to whether they could manage the mammoth task of completing 8-10 lessons in such a short time. One writer remarked that the endeavour was not all joy writing these lessons, but doing the task was a call to obedience. Another person had just done a sensitive surgical procedure and got clearance to travel to Jamaica to be part of the writing group at the last moment. Still, one had an assignment in the Far East and had to leave Jamaica early, for home, which meant pushing really hard to meet the writing commitment.

Inspite of the foregoing, at the end, all participants said it was a most gratifying experience and they felt they had honoured God by just putting aside their regular occupation and routine for eight days to participate in the Caribbean Christian Publications' Writers' Conference.

The activity brought together a team of 25 to write, edit and review Bible lessons. These lessons will be used in approximately 30 denominations in as many territories across the region.

While the primary focus of the Writers' Conference was on the writing of Caribbean Bible Lessons, participants were able to do brief tours of the retreat centre's environs and they also participated in

# CCP WRITERS' CONFERENCE

worship services at the Mandeville and Greenvale Baptist churches, pastored by Rev Dr Learoy Campbell. The volunteer writers were also the beneficiaries of supplementary mini sessions, deemed important to the content of some of the lessons that were being written. The sessions were: The Development of Sound Teaching Objectives, Building Environmental Stewardship in Sunday School lessons and Incorporating Technology in Learning Activities. These three areas were presented by Rev Doug McHenry, Rev Dr Learoy Campbell and his wife, Mrs. V Campbell, respectively.

Participants at Writers' Conference 2016 were: Atlee Rodney, Antigua; Cheryl Strachan, Joyce Pinder and Jackie Williams-Argyle, The Bahamas; Jamie-Lee Rocke, Belize; Genevieve McMaster, British Virgin Islands; Sharon August-Calliste Grenada; Alfred Charles-Julien and Derek Archer, Guyana; Arcelio Hartley, Panama; Angela Webb, Trinidad and Tobago; Gillian Francis, Rebecca and Doug McHenry, the USA; Violet Stevenson, Peta-Gaye Kirby, Jaevel Brown, Lillieth Ledford, Lilly Samuels, Derri-Ann Palmer –Youth Editor, Erica James-King, Adult Editor, Jamaica. Tami Francis and Althea Mitchell provided administrative support. Omar Archer, Bahamian graduate student at the United Theological College of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica also gave assistance by way of the preparation of Bible Backgrounds for use by the writers.

The conference was held at Mt. Calvary Retreat Centre in Mandeville, Jamaica, from August 2-9, 2016.



Above - Members of the group which attended Greenvale Baptist, Sunday, August 7, 2016. The message was brought by conference participant Rev. Alfred Charles Julian (second right, front row). Below - members pause for a group photo outside the retreat centre, during Writers' Conference 2016



# CBWU WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, 2016

## Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Women's Union Conference, 2016



To God be the glory great things He has done. After a year's break of not having a conference due to a decision taken in 2014 to have Conference biennially, it was refreshing to be together again for another Conference.

It must be noted that the Conference this year should have been in Turks and Caicos Islands, however, due to unaffordability of the only venue that could accommodate all of us we had to take a decision to move the venue to Miami. Turks and Caicos Islands played a tremendous role in hosting this year Conference and must be commended for the great job they did with Rev. Sabrina Pinder as Co-Chair of the Local Arrangement Committee.

The 35<sup>th</sup> General Conference of CBWU was held from July 20 – 25, 2016 at the Hilton Miami Airport hotel. The theme was, “Arise, Shine – Extend Your Boundaries.” Scripture reference was taken from Isaiah 60: 1 – 5, Isaiah 54: 1 – 8 and 2 Corinthians 4: 1 – 6.

There were delegates representing eight Caribbean Islands namely Bahamas, Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica, Antigua, San Andres, Trinidad & Tobago and Turks & Caicos Islands. There were a number of visiting sisters on a daily basis from Florida and United Kingdom.

On the Wednesday night the Welcome party was held and was well received by the Conferees. Each morning the day's activities began with early morning Prayer meeting conducted by 3 – 4 Islands.

On Thursday July 21, was the Official Opening of the Conference and the Leader was President Yvonne Pitter. The Islands in attendance participated in the Roll call and while representatives marched up with their Island's flag the National Anthem of that Island was sung. Bringing greetings were our specially invited guests including the Rev. Everton Jackson, Executive Secretary Treasurer of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship who graced us with his presence although he was on vacation leave. Also bringing greetings were Mrs Donnette Russell -Love, US Immigration Attorney and Mr Ricardo Trico, Consul General in Miami.

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*Rev. Dr. Gerry Gallimore*

The Guest Speaker was the Rev. Dr. Gerry Gallimore – Ambassador at Large, Youth for Christ International. He addressed the theme using Joshua 14: 1 – 8, and 15: 14. Rev. Dr Gallimore reminded the attendees that as people of God we ought to dream and set goals like Caleb. Although Caleb was eighty -five years of age he was willing to reclaim lost territories and take on the giants knowing that his God was greater than any giants. He further reminded and admonished the delegates that for our boundaries to be extended sometimes it may mean turning around the fiery darts of the enemy and asking God to give us the mountain. Rev. Dr Gallimore reminded us that we need men and women who will dream dreams and extend their boundaries as we cannot retire from the service of King Jesus. The challenges are great but we must accept them to Arise and Shine and ask Jesus to give us the mountain. Remember He has promised never to leave us or forsake us. This message was well received by the attendees.

In the afternoon at the Business Meeting a resolution that was passed by the Executive Board Meeting was presented by the President. This resolution was for CBWU to revert to Conference annually instead of biennially as was passed in 2014 at the AGM. This resolution was accepted unanimously by the membership present. Therefore, the CBWU will have annual Conference to foster greater fellowship among the membership. The request of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship was noted that during the year 2020 the CBWU Conference will be held in the month of November in Jamaica to coincide with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CBF.

Elections were held during to fill the vacant position of Vice President and Mrs Karlene Edwards-Warrick of Trinidad & Tobago was unanimously elected to that position. Mrs Beula Hamilton of Turks & Caicos Islands was then elected as Secretary of CBWU. We welcome Mrs Hamilton as a new member of the Officers core of CBWU.

Mrs Sylvia Henry of Jamaica was elected as the new Chair of the CBWU CONNECTION replacing Mrs Debra East who resigned after six years as Chairperson. Our sincere gratitude to Mrs East and her Committee for a job well done.

Over the five days powerful Testimonies were heard of Jesus' healing power. Women shared personal Testimonies of been healed from serious illnesses such as Cancer, Stroke and AIDS.

Bible Study was conducted by Rev. Donald Lawrence of Parkway Baptist Church. He focused on Esther 4 : 1-17, - "Celebrating Godly Virtues in Women." He encouraged us that in the defining moments in life, we must Lean on God, Live for God and Link with Godly Heritage.

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On the Saturday morning was the annual Prayer Breakfast. The colour scheme was 'Burnt Orange' amidst the lovely décor of floral arrangements it was beauty to behold. The Guest Speaker was Pastor Renae Cambridge who delivered a powerful word to the attendees. She called on the delegates to arm themselves with strength and faith. We were reminded that to arise is to arm oneself with strength. During the Prayer sessions prayer was lifted for family Abuse, Moral & spiritual decline in Society, Children and Youths, Unemployment especially among young people, the challenging economic times, BWA & BWA Women's Department Leaders and CBF Leaders.

Women were able to participate in interactive Workshops on various Topics such as Domestic Abuse, Biblical Approach to Parenting, walking in the Light and Personal Witnessing.



*CBWU Women Participating in Cultural Night*

The Cultural Night took place on Saturday evening. The ladies representing each Caribbean Island showed off their colourful outfits and ministered in items of songs, dance and drama. These were well received and provided much laughter and relaxation.

The Sunday morning Worship Service took place in the Conference Hall of the Hilton Hotel. Speaker was Minister Burnadette Claybourne ministered to the women on their role as "Rib Bone Women."

She called on women to rise up as God was depending on them to take their places in society. She shared her personal testimony about how she had to arise and fight to restore her marriage.



*CBWU Women Across the Caribbean Region*

# CBWU WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, 2016



The 35<sup>th</sup> Conference of CBWU concluded with a service where the ladies were all dressed in white. Rev Donald Lawrence brought greetings and led in Holy Communion. The President Deacon Yvonne Pitter delivered the closing message using the theme “*Arise, Shine – Extend Your Boundaries.*” The Text was Isaiah 60: 1-5. She reminded the delegates of four things that will happen when they Arise -

- *There is Proclamation in your Rising*
- *There is Provision for your Rising*
- *There is Purpose to your Rising*
- *There is Prophecy surrounding your Rising*

Women were urged to arise from laziness and their comfort zone and to be diligent to their calling. Only when they arise will the light of God shine through them so that they can extend their boundaries. After the Holy Communion, the evening concluded with the sisters marching with their torch-light procession around the Conference Hall. The delegates over the five days of this Conference were ministered to with rich fellowship, spiritual and physical food.

High commendation to the staff of Hilton Hotel especially the Event Coordinator Mrs Cherryl Lyon for a job well done. Sincere thanks to Rev Donald Lawrence and members of Parkway Baptist Church for the great support given.

Our prayer is that God help the women of Conference 2016 to Arise, Shine – Extend their Boundaries and do exploits for Him as He hold each sister in His hands until we meet in 2017 if it be His will.



Submitted by,  
Yvonne Pitter  
President  
CBWU.



# DELIVERANCE BAPTIST, SVGBC

## JAMAICA PARTNERS WITH DELIVERANCE BAPTIST, ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



Links Missions Team under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Richards from Jamaica led a four member team to partner with the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Baptist Convention at Deliverance Baptist Church, Fitz-Hughes. This trip is the sixth mission work for the team but first across many waters. The team which included Mr. Earland Morgan and Mrs. Nicoleen Brown, visited from Thursday, July 28 to August 7, 2016.

Approximately 70 youths from the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Baptist Convention performed the role of **John the Baptist** to the Links Mission team, some canvassing the entire village announcing the visit of the Jamaican Mission team, others working at the church facility and making a concrete walkway leading into the church grounds. They were deeply disappointed at being denied the privilege of painting the church building, but that project was already assigned to the Links Team. The visit was a fulfilling and fruitful experience, to be reciprocated in the near future. Links Mission Team undertook various ministry initiatives during their visit, from which highlights will be presented.



### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

“Nice it up-spice it up!” On Saturday, July 30th, 2016, the St. Vincent Baptist Convention (SVGBC) held a Marriage Seminar, facilitated by the Links Mission Team. The main objective was to “Help strengthen and fortify marriages among couples in the SVGBC”.

With this objective in mind, the team presented a series of stimulating and interesting topics which inspired and motivated those in attendance to become better spouses. Some of these topics included:



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- **Communication glitches and tips, Romance, Marriage Games,**
- **Money Matters (my money, yours or ours)**
- **Gender Issues**
- **Identifying and understanding each other's Love Language.**

A variety of games and ideas were shared to accommodate different learning styles. With the high level of participation and excitement, the "Nice it up-Spice it up!" Marriage Seminar was definitely a winner, as couples were armed with novel and innovative ways to make their marriages more exciting!

## YOUTH FOCUS

### Evangelism Training

Over forty (40) young people from different churches in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Baptist Convention participated in the Evangelism Training, facilitated by Rev Richards. The event, held at Fitz-Hughes on August 2, 2016, included an emphasis on theoretical training in evangelism, practical 'on the job' training through evangelistic opportunities in the Fitz-Hughes community and altar counselling.

One of the main objectives of this training session was to 'Train the youths to tell others about God's love and to encourage individuals to accept Him into their hearts'. However, in order to accomplish this objective effectively, youths who had never given their hearts to Christ were lead to do so. Subsequently, six youths accepted Christ. The secondary objective was to invite residents to the open - air crusade and the children's' rally slated to be held on subsequent days.

The theoretical training fuelled the youths with excitement as they were fired up to commence the 'On the job' training through the environs of Fitz Huges. This aspect of the session was carried out in the following ways:

- Youth were separated into groups, each headed by an adult team leader. Each group had a specific mission, which was to pray, tell, invite and share with the residents.
- Youth visited rum shops, the beach and residents' homes to share the wonderful story of Christ. Others prayed and witnessed to persons in the streets which resulted in two (2) persons accepting Christ.
- Following the 'On the job training', a debriefing session was held. The facilitator Rev. L. Richards, encouraged the youths to continue to use the knowledge and experience gained at the session to win souls for God's Kingdom.

# DELIVERANCE BAPTIST, SVGBC

## Youth Night

There was a buzz all day in anticipation of the youth night. It was well attended by adults and youth alike.

The movie “God’s not Dead” was to be shown. However, during the set up of the equipment, Rev. Richards was left with a smoking projector. The excitement was still there, and the group squeezed together to watch it. The movie allowed for the youth to see that it is possible to stand up for their faith even when the other youth are denying Christ. In the movie it was clear that being knowledgeable about their faith comes through studying God’s Word. Youth were given an opportunity in the last session to give their feedback on the film. Most if not all gave positive responses, shared lessons learnt and indicated that it was an excellent movie. Some persons indicated that they were going to watch it again.

### DELIVERANCE BAPTIST PROJECT DAY



*Inside the church preparation work*



*Before ‘view’*



*After with the full team*

The Deliverance Baptist Church undertook a work day on August 3, 2016. The project to uplift the community is a regular feature of the team’s missionary work over the years and this trip was no different. The church building was the focus for a facelift, which is hoped to bring attention to the ministry there. Links Mission Team, Rev. & Mrs. Bramble, youth from the church and community worked on the sanctuary. Working together made the work easier as the zealous youth ensured that they enjoyed themselves while working, painting each other! It seemed more paint was used on their bodies than the actual building. Along with the facelift two fans were installed to reduce the heat in the sanctuary.

It is also a part of Link’s tradition to plant trees to mark the occasion, provide beautification and to bring environmental consciousness. Therefore, members of Links, along with the local team, planted palms on the premises.



# DELIVERANCE BAPTIST, SVGBC

## CHILDREN'S RALLY

The event was held at Fitz-Hughes Government School, on August 5, 2016. The theme of the day was "It's Time to Choose Jesus". The day started with registration for the day's activities. There were over 150 children ranging from 3 to 19 years old in attendance with some parents who stayed. The day was filled with fun, food and Christian education. After the large-group devotion, the children were divided into four smaller groups to facilitate maximum participation in all areas, namely: Story Time, Movie, Art & Craft and Games. The bounce-about was a special feature that really excited the children. We The organisers were outnumbered even with the support of local leaders; but God really helped us to serve and get us through the day without any injury or conflict. Tokens were given at Question and Answer time.



## CRUSADE MEETINGS

Two Crusade Meetings were planned and executed. They were both held at "TayTay Block" on Thursday and Friday nights respectively. Rev. Lloyd Richards delivered the Word of God calling men and women into a relationship with God through Jesus. The Deliverance Baptist Church and Rev. Sylvester King, President of the SVGBC, led the Praise and Worship singing. Members from Glen Baptist and Links Missions Team shared testimonies nightly. Several new converts shared their testimonies on Friday night.

The attendance was overwhelming and though it rained on Thursday night during the meeting, community members remained with their umbrellas opened. About 37 persons responded to the gospel message on Thursday night. The crowd grew dramatically on Friday night from the night before. While the number of responses to the altar call was not as large, over 10 persons responded to the gospel. The choice of venue was excellent as "TayTay Block" was the main area for gathering on a Friday. Persons who responded received counselling and prayer..

A directory was developed by the Mission Team and a copy given to the host church for follow up. Our record





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On Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 6:00a.m. eight of the persons who responded to the gospel were baptized at the "Beach Front" in Fitz-Hughes. Rev. Bramble led the baptismal rites, assisted by Rev. Richards. Six of the eight persons have since been received into the fellowship of the church. To God be the glory!

## Direct from Links Mission Team

When this ministry initiative was announced, many persons expressed interest but in the final count it was only four. The team was initially intimidated by the schedule but agreed if Jesus send us, He will go with us. Rev. L. Richards told the team we have the full gospel: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John while the team kept saying Gideon in living colours and used a song from a previous mission trip that ministered to us entitled "Toiling On" as our mantra.

From our early interactions with the Richards, our hosts from the Kingstown Baptist; to meeting the 'now' friends at Fitz-Hughes; to the exciting trips to the Dark View Nature trail and Falls; a sail to the pristine island of Bequia; and finally enjoying a parting meal with some leaders of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Baptist Convention; we were warmly welcomed and shown good hospitality. Based on what we saw and how we were treated, it was obvious that we were related from ancestry lineage. It was easy to work with the Convention and local church. Rev. and Mrs. Bramble, Sis. Edwards went out of their way to ensure we were taken care of. Special mention must be made of those youths who came both morning and evening to be with the team; enjoying games, a meal and jokes. The connection made will last a lifetime.

Links members have been changed. One of the greatest lessons we have learnt is that when we put our hands in the hands of the Master He will take us through. We are ready now more than ever to go where God leads as we have proven His hands throughout the trip. From His saving grace, provisions made and His healing touch during this trip and we say "To God Be the Glory great things He has done".

*Submitted by:*

*Mrs. Bernadette Richards-Duncan (SVG) and Mrs. Andrea Richards (JA)*





# ROYAL DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ARISE & SHINE

## Royal Daughters of the King Arise and Shine!



*Women of North Caicos*

The Bethany Baptist Church at 250 Bay Road in Wheeland, Providenciales was abuzz with activity on March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. This was when the women of the Turks and Caicos Islands Baptist Union Women’s Missionary Band met for their 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Conference, under the theme: ‘Royal Daughters of the King Arise, and Shine!’ Scripture passages were 1 Peter 2:1-9, and Isaiah 60:1, while the theme song was ‘I’m a Child of the King’. Conference days started at 6:30am with Prayer Meeting, followed

by Workshops. Topics includes:

‘Health Check – Living the Royal Life’, by Dr. Denise Tannet Brathwaite, Chief Medical Officer; ‘Women of Grace Displaying Royal Etiquette’, by Ms. Blyth Clare, Tourism Training Officer, and ‘Legal Matters **Relating to Women**’, by Mrs. Sherlene Cartwright Robinson, local attorney and Leader of the Opposition.

General sessions were held in the form of evangelistic services in the evenings. Speakers for these sessions were: Rev. Derek R. Hamilton, Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Deaconess Comelita Handfield, and Deaconess Agnes Swann, both of Providence Baptist Church. Each speaker challenged attendees to take a hard look at the theme, and to make the necessary lifestyle changes in order to display qualities of true Daughters of the King.

During the evangelistic Service on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, there was a special time for recognition of our hard-working, faithful women who have served the Women’s Missionary Band in their various local groups, and on the Executive Body of the Turks and Caicos Islands’ Baptist Union Women’s Missionary Band. The following Sisters were honoured: Ivy Williams (Mt. Olivet), Flxie Forbes (Bethel), Jenderlyn Forbes (Providence), Ivasa Forbes (Bethlehem), Mary Outten (Mt. Moriah), Rosilee Robinson (Mt. Moriah), Voinel Grant (Ebenezer), Hilda Robinson (Paradise), Thelma Lightbourne (Bethany), Yvette Gardiner (Mt. Lebanon) , Winefred McIntosh (Jericho), Amelia Been (Salem), Lothie Harvey (Mt. Herman), Annis Campbell (Ebenezer), Floreta Gibbs (Mt. Herman), Maglin Hamilton (Bethlehem/Jericho), and Nell Gardiner (Mt. Lebanon)..

# ROYAL DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ARISE & SHINE

On Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> our annual Bible Quiz competition between two groups named Esther and Sarah took place, with Sarah being declared the winner. The quiz was based on the first ten chapters of the gospel of Luke.



**Bible Quiz Winners**

During the evangelistic service on the same evening, a tribute, followed by a moment's silence, was given on behalf sisters of the Mission Sisters who had passed: Sisters Carol Lightourne (Mt. Zion), Chrisada Johnson (Bethlehem), Girlie Garland (Salem), Mary Estella Neat (Mt. Herman), and Emerald Johnson (Mt. Moriah). On Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8am a Prayer Breakfast was held in honour of past Director of the Women's Missionary Band - Sis. Withlean Williams for her sterling leadership.

The conference ended with a concert-styled celebration, in which each island-group was given an opportunity to perform and shine like the Royal Daughters of the Kings that they are.



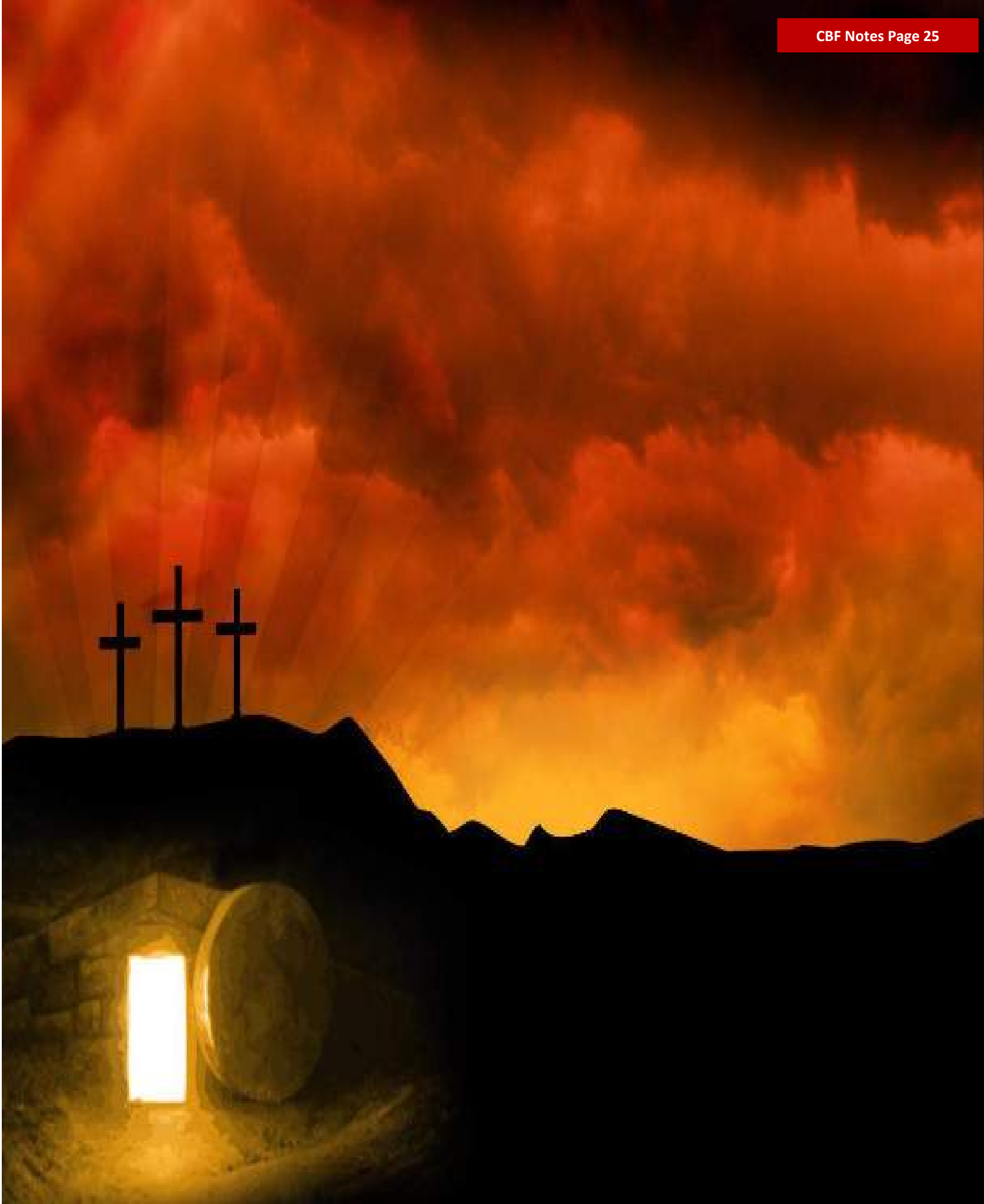
**Women of Jericho Baptist**



**Women of Paradise**

To God be all the glory, great things He has done during this conference! We give Him thanks and praise and look forward to seeing all the women at our 29<sup>th</sup> Conference in 2017






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