

Come Worship With Us

Theme for May 2007

"Glorifying The Father of All the Earth"

- ...Through honoring Our Partnership with other Baptists
- ...Through honoring The Person who gave us Birth
- ...Through honoring The Potential of our Bodies
- ...Through honoring The Possibilities opened by Books

**Here's what's
happening!
this month!**

- Church Council May 15, 2007
- Youth Sponsored Concert.....May 18, 2007
- Youth Graduation..... May 27, 2007
- 2007 Keswick Convention.....May 16 - 20, 2007

FROM THE USHERING COMMITTEE

THANKS FOR BEING FAITHFUL WITH LITTLE THINGS

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Cor. 15:58

A special word of thanks to all who assisted during the week of Crusade by serving as ushers. I am very appreciative to those who are not a part of this ministry but willingly volunteered to assist:

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| Geneta Campbell | Karen Embden | Mark Embden, | Bill Francis, |
| Jennifer Gray | Vincent Johnson, | Zelpha McKain | Lenworth McIntosh |
| Adline Martin | Jay Plummer | Stacey Polack | David West |
| George West | Harold Williams | | |

I hope you will give prayerful thought about serving in this ministry. We need more dedicated members to join. Again, thank you.

Monique Finlay

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The Family Table Talk

PARKWAY BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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*Her children
arise and call her
blessed ...*

Proverbs 31:28

*Happy
Mother's Day*

Reverend Donald R. Lawrence, Pastor



Pastor's Message

The pace of life here at Parkway has certainly picked up over the last month. Practically every aspect of the life of the church was featured in some way or the other. There were baptisms, Easter services, Self-Denial Drive, an historic members' meeting focusing on the employment of a full time musician, evangelistic meetings, health fair and photo sessions for the new church pictorial.

I believe many of us are just about gasping for breath. However, was it not an exciting time?

Here we are in May. In many ways we are still on cloud nine and now able to cruise at this speed for a short while. However, there are a number of exciting passages on this leg of the journey. On First Sunday we explored the challenge of partnership with other Baptists. Consequently, we shared in the exciting news of the nomination of the Rev. Neville Callam, for the post of General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Then with as much interest, we noted the passing of the Rev. Azariah McKenzie, former General Secretary of the Jamaica Baptist Union, Executive Secretary Treasurer of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship, and Regional Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Parkway was represented at the funeral of Brother McKenzie by Rev. Samuel Vernon.

Lest we become fooled by the smoothness of the ride as we are cruising through May, there is the Women's Missionary Union Weekend Retreat, Mothers' Day celebrations, Keswick Convention, Men's Ministry Cook Out, Youth Open Air Concert, Youth Graduation Service and the Ordination of Deacon Allan Scott, on the calendar.

If we hope to make a safe landing, we must carefully hear and heed the Word of the Lord. I have been led to choose as our theme for the month of May the following:

Glorifying The Father of all The Earth:

- ...Through honoring Our Partnership with other Baptists
- ...Through honoring The Person who gave us Birth (Mother's Day)
- ...Through honoring The Potential of our Bodies
- ...Through honoring The Possibilities opened by Books (Graduation Sunday)

Our destination and hope is to arrive in the Father's presence and hear, "well done". Well done in all the relationships He has set us and with all the resources He has placed within our grasp.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!

Finally, may all of us, as God's children, seek to glorify the Father of all the earth. Amen! God's Peace!



Know means KNOW

How much do we know each other? Very often I would walk by Sis. Carter and say "good morning," or "hello," and I did not know her name. I had to ask Deacon Sewell for her name (shame on me! Yup, I know). Recently I had the opportunity of sitting down with Sis. Carter in the comfort of her home, where she shared some of her life experiences with me.

Sis. Pearlina Carter was born to Mr. & Mrs. Anderson on the 18th of August in the cool island of Jamaica. She is the youngest of three children and grew up in the parish of Clarendon in a cozy home on the hill. Though she was the youngest, growing up was lonely as both her brother and sister were usually not home. Sis. Carter recalls those moments sitting by herself outside on the hill and looking at the various cloud formations. She stated that the most vivid formation she remembers was that of a man looking like a Shepherd with a stick and several (what looked like) sheep around him. Influenced by her Christian parents, Sis. Carter knew that there had to be something out there that created the very nature she adored. As Sis. Carter got older, she left the Pentecostal Church her parents attended and became involved in an Anglican Church where she was confirmed. Her children, Jimmy, Fitz and Vinton were also confirmed in the Anglican Church. Sis. Carter then began to travel and slowly drifted away from God. One of those travels took her to the Bahamas where she met her husband Neville Carter and they got married in 1974. She returned to Jamaica some time after, obtained a visa and migrated to the States. Her husband joined her later from the Bahamas.

The transition to the States was difficult for Sis. Carter. She had left Jamaica having her own business as a hairdresser, but on arriving in the States she had to do jobs she never had the opportunity of doing in Jamaica. She worked very hard to bring her children to the US and shortly after Jimmy arrived, he died in a car accident. Sis. Carter shared that when Jimmy died in 1981 she suffered for quite some time. She threw herself into her work so much, that she got sick and her pressure went up to 220/130. She was taken to the Parkway Hospital, where the Doctors tried for a long time to get the pressure to something acceptable. They also discovered that she had had two minor heart attacks prior to arriving at the hospital. Eventually, she was released from the hospital but under nurse home care.

One Sunday when nothing seemed to be working, Sis. Carter decided that she had to go to church. She clearly remembers being physically assisted that Sunday morning into Mt. Herman AME Church. At the end of the morning service, at the altar call, she tried to make it to the altar. The Pastor saw her coming and met her down the aisle. He anointed her with oil and prayed. Sis. Carter said she cannot explain what happened but she thanks God every day for His healing power as she was able to leave Mt. Herman that morning without any help. "God healed me," she said. The nurse who helped her at the time was also a Christian and said it could only have been God, as she no longer needed home care.

On reflection today, Sis. Carter thanks God for this experience because it brought her back to Him and she recommitted herself to Him. But the story does not end there folks, there is more to come and I will share with you words of wisdom given to me, a younger married woman.

Interview conducted by: Racquel Jameison

••••• A Prayer for Parkway •••••

“Remember me for this, O my God, and do not blot out what I have so faithfully done for the house of my God and its services.” Nehemiah 13:14

Most Blessed, Most Glorious God, Lord of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, thank You for Your goodness and your mercy. Thank You for blessing Parkway. You have established her in this place and You have blessed her with this land and these buildings. There are churches who do not have their own land or their own buildings, so we do not want to take this for granted. Instead, we thank You for what you have given us and ask You, in Your wisdom and timing, to bless those who are seeking a space that they do not have to share with others.

Thank You God for the growth that Parkway has experienced over the years. I pray that You grant us a vision of how we can improve, in this new season of Your church’s life. Give us a desire to have buildings and facilities where Your presence is pleased to dwell. We want Parkway to be a place where the presence of the Lord can be felt, where Your Glory saturates the building, and when we leave it, we feel Your Spirit with us, wherever we go.

Enlarge our vision and show us how we can use what we have at our disposal currently, and how we can improve and expand our buildings and equipment, and what new, previously un-done things we can do, so that all who come inside our property, inside our sanctuary, feel an atmosphere of worship and sense Your holy presence.

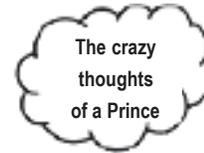
Renew and enlarge our reverence for Your house Oh God. Holy God, inspire us to care for the things of your house. Remind us of Tobiah and Eliashib and help us not to forget ourselves, and use this place dedicated to your worship, or the dedicated things of your house for our personal advancement or to treat them as common or ordinary. Where we have sinned, forgive us, Oh God.

Oh God, in Leviticus and Numbers we read how You chose one out of the twelve tribes of Israel for yourself, and out of Levi you assigned various responsibilities to the three clans. You did not give them any land for their inheritance, but ordained a portion of the tithe for them and their families. Oh God, help us to bring *whole* tithe and offering into the *storehouse*, that there may be food in Your house, that those dedicated to Your service will not have to be preoccupied with meeting their expenses, or struggle to provide for their families, but that they will be able to focus on and be about Your business Oh God.

Remind us that “the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof,” and that 100% of what we have is Yours. Help us to cheerfully give the required 10%, and to cheerfully bring our offerings, the additional part, that out of gratitude to You, we give back the seed that we sow in anticipation of a harvest. Help us to have generous spirits with our time, our energy, our resources and our money. Remind us of the proverb that says a generous man will himself be refreshed.

Out of the abundance of what we give, provide for our leaders oh God. We pray that You meet their needs and enlarge their boundaries, even as we ask You to meet our own personal needs and enlarge our boundaries.

Cleanse us, Oh God. Wash us afresh, fill us, and raise us up – the restored and empowered and victorious bride of Christ, that we may redeem the time. To You we



The Incredible Hulk

I use to (and still do) enjoy reading comic books, and one of the comic books I read a lot was *The Incredible Hulk*. In case you don’t know who the Hulk is, he’s a superhero with sort of a split personality. After physicist, Dr. Robert ‘Bruce’ Banner, was caught in the blast of a gamma bomb he created, he was transformed into the Hulk, a raging unstoppable force. So on one hand, you have the mild-mannered Bruce Banner, and when he was angered, he became the Hulk.

When I was growing up, I had this theory that all mothers have a little ‘hulk’ in them...they all have this strange transformational metamorphosis that temporarily makes them a little crazy when ‘ticked-off’. How else can you explain a situation like my mother who would whip my butt for something I did, and then in the midst of my tears, would utter something like, “*you betta hush up before I give you something to cry about.*” What? Oh...I guess the whip of that belt was supposed to make me laugh! And then after all that, she would come and hug me later on, soothing me with words like, “*you know I did that because I love you.*” If that’s not a split personality, I don’t know what is. I tell you, I got a lot of lovin’ from mommy growing up and it used to hurt!

But from all my experiences with ‘*belt to butt*’ relationships, I have realized two things. Firstly, more often than not, whatever I was being punished for, I tried to not repeat that offense in order to avoid Mrs. Hulk and her faithful sidekick, Mr. Belt. Judging by my record, there must have been a whole lot of first time offenses, but very rarely was I a repeat offender. Secondly, I really do believe that those ‘*belt to butt*’ encounters probably saved my life and definitely helped to shape it.

Love manifests itself in strange ways sometimes. Without question, I know that my mommy loves me and was not trying to hurt me, but it’s just hard to see all that when you have to go and get the very strap that will eventually pay your butt a visit. But what my mother did growing up is no different from how God deals with His children. God says if we are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then we are illegitimate children and not true sons. “*No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*” (Hebrews 12:11). It’s a hard pill to swallow, but punishment and discipline are indeed manifestations of God’s love for us. The comfort and assurance in that though, is that He does that not to hurt us, but because He wants us to share in His holiness.

Thank you God for your love and the plan you have for my life. Thanks, Mommy for your love, discipline and your way of keeping me out of trouble. And, oh by the way, Mommy, Mr. Belt didn’t get lost...I buried him in the back yard!

Omar – the Prince

The Opportunity Of A Lifetime.....After Uzziah Died

“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple.” Isaiah 6:1(NIV)

My family and I experienced the passing of two beloved relatives in recent months. Millicent Hope Gardiner (my maternal aunt), died after fighting valiantly for three months against the onslaught of pancreatic cancer. She had been my guardian for six years and was quite instrumental in my general development, and world view. There were times when I felt that she was extremely heavy-handed in the way she scolded me and meted out discipline. I resented her telling me that I had to go to church during the times when I just did not feel like going. After all, I was young and wanted to make my own decisions on faith and spirituality! I felt that she was a hindrance; I needed spirituality like I needed a hole in the head. For many years, I couldn't understand why she was so adamant in my being a Christian. I told myself that I was missing out on the 'joys' of throwing caution to the wind and reveling like it was the final big party. As soon as I became an adult, the partying began and I realized that as I filled my life with the 'pleasures' of sin, I was feeling very empty.

Jasper Miller, my grand-uncle, though unable to read and write, taught me from an early age that Jesus Christ must be the anchor to my ship if I am ever going to be sea-worthy. I observed his faithfulness as he served in his local congregation. He taught me about tending a garden, caring for our farm animals and appreciating nature. Today, I thank the Lord for the gift of these two Christian servants. With their guidance, it was much easier for me to renew my vow to serve the Lord.

This is the opportunity of a lifetime. The 'King Uzziahs' of our lives must die in order for us to 'see the Lord' for ourselves. There is no reason to remain in the past; we must raise our eyes to the throne of the exalted Jehovah who is high and desires our praise. The season for new growth is now! It is springtime in our souls. As we shake off old hurts and express gratefulness for past joys, we must embrace the new experience in the 'temple' as we revel in the promise of a glorious breakthrough. Let us therefore reposition our minds and hearts to receive the blessings from the Lord as we proclaim: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory!'

After Uzziah

Jehovah, all fulgent in power and might
Bids us yet come and be bathed in His light.
We shake off old glories and searing pain of times past,
And enter His throne room again.
May our hearts, souls and minds in one accord
Proclaim, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord!'

C.Bailey-Blandford

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Today we celebrate our mothers and all that they mean to us. We celebrate the things they have done for us. We celebrate them simply because they are our moms, and we give God thanks for them.

There is no one like a mother. And by "mother" we mean that special person who has done all the motherly things for us. That person could be the woman who gave birth to you. That person could be your grandmother, aunt, cousin. That person could be someone who is not a relative. That person could be your father who is carrying the responsibilities of a mother. Whoever that person is, she or he, has loved you and has cared for you in so many different ways. Let's think of today then as "Mothering Sunday", as we celebrate the tender loving care of all those who have mothered us.

Gillian Francis

“All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”

—Abraham Lincoln

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

—What do you think Humpty Dumpty's mother said to him?

Humpty Dumpty, if I told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to sit on that wall. But would you listen to me. Nooo.

—(Mary had a little lamb)

What do you think Mary's mother said to her?

I am not upset that your lamb followed you to school, Mary, but I would like to know how he got a better grade than you.

—Goldilocks' mother

I've got a bill here for a busted chair from the Bear family. You know anything about this, Goldie?

—Jonah's mother.

That's a nice story, but now tell me where you've been for the last three days.

—David's mother

I don't understand why you bothered to pick up five stones when you knew you only needed one to kill Goliath? "Well mom" David said, "Goliath had four brothers, so if they came after me I would be ready for them." "David, you amaze me," she said.

-Adapted from Anonymous Source
Submitted by *Rudolph Francis*

It happened at Parkway!



2007 Crusade



Parkway Nurses' Health Fair

Submitted by B. Plummer



Just a note to my Parkway Baptist Church family:

Thank you very much for your prayers & support during our loss. May God richly bless you all.

Sis. Iris Garcia & Family

Heart felt Condolence

Our sincere condolence to **Sis Joyce Polack & family** on the death of her father who died recently in Jamaica. We pray for her and her family in their time of grief.

Certificate of Merit

Is Hereby Awarded To
Toni Ann Brown
 In Recognition of
 Outstanding Achievement
 Best Overall Student in
 Career/Technology & Agricultural Education
 Given this 16th day of April 2007

C. H. Harding
 Director Principal



Congratulations to Toni Ann Brown on having received a Certificate of Merit in recognition of outstanding achievement in career/technology and agricultural education. Toni Ann is the daughter of our former Deacon Anthony (Junior) Brown. They now reside in Atlanta, Georgia.

offer all the honor, all the praise and all the glory, as we celebrate Your majesty, bow to Your authority, and delight in Your love.

In the name of Christ the Messiah, Amen.

Inspired by Bible Study (April 18th, 2007) -

Preparing The Way of The Lord...The Day of Remembrance. Nehemiah 13:1-31

-Contributed-



ARTHRITIS Part 2

Complications and Consequences of Arthritis

Joint deformity and loss of function with loss of independence

Psychological effects

-Depression, anger, drug dependence, side effects of drug and treatment regime. Safety concerns mostly falls and trauma from impaired mobility.

Investigation(s)

X Rays, Bloodwork, Fluid aspiration, further testing depends on disease presentation

Treatment

- Goal is to prevent joint damage, preserve function and control pain
- Choice of treatment is decided on by patient and health practitioner
- Medications: Pain killers, Steroids, (by mouth or injection) DMRDS Disease Modifiers (gold, methotrexate, antimalarials)
- Exercise: swimming, physical therapy, tai chi, walking
- Heat applications especially moist heat
- Nutrition: -Vitamin D, Glucosamine Chondroitin supplements (decrease inflammation and help to rebuild cartilage, SAM-e.
- Capsaicin rub, (substance derived from chili peppers used for pain control), ginger tea, tumeric.
- Avoidance of Omega 6 Fatty acids (corn and sunflower oils) Evening primrose oil is an exception.
- Increase intake of omega 3 Fatty acids (fish, nuts olive and canola oil)
- Decrease intake of animal fat
- Rest with flare up of symptoms
- Exercise to promote joint flexibility
- Energy therapy (therapeutic touch, acupuncture etc.)
- Psychologic support, counselling, support groups, psychotherapy, journaling
- Hormone therapy
- Surgery: arthroplasty, joint replacement, fusing of joints,

Submitted by C. Harding

A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

Dear Parkway Family and Friends:

I would like to express my appreciation to you all for your cooperation with our new pictorial directory project. I am pleased to announce that we made our goal of 100+ families. Although we had some persons cancel or just “not show up” for various reasons, the results were STILL GREAT - a total of 104 families participated.

I hope your photo session experience was good, as we did our best to ensure that things went smoothly. We appreciated your time and patience during this process.

Families who made purchases can expect their free 8x10 and purchased photos in 2-3 weeks, delivered at their homes. Those who chose not to purchase additional photos, your free 8x10's were sent to the church and are available. We are in the process of finalizing the directory in terms of layout for submission by the deadline of May 12, 2007. If everything works according to plan, we hope to have the directory for distribution in the summer.

To the Directory committee and their team, thank you for your time, support and teamwork efforts.

Sign-Up Team: Coordinator - *Sis. Nezzie Stewart*

Team: *Bro. Allan Scott, Rev. & Mrs. Negil McPherson*

Telephone Coordinator - *Sis. Geneta Campbell assisted by Rev. Negil McPherson*

Team: *Sis Daphne Anderson, Sis. Nellie Kirkland, Sis. Mervis Moodie and Sis. Trudel Patterson.*

Publicity Coordinator - *Sis. Marva Harriott assisted by Bro. Omar Jameison* who created presentation slides to reflect my main points for announcements.

Hostess Coordinator - *Sis. June Lawrence*

Team: *Sis Daphne Anderson, Sis J. Beckles, Sis C. Blandford, Bro. Derren Finlay, Sis Joyce Hemmings, Sis. Racquel Jameison, Rev. & Mrs. Negil McPherson, Sis. Nezzie Stewart and Sis Agnes Wright.*

Thanks to *Sis. Geneta Campbell* and *Sis. Marva Harriott* who worked with the hosts and Lifetouch Team during weekdays.

Layout Coordinator - *Sis. Cheryl Clarke* assisted by the Directory Committee.

I would like to express special thanks to *Bro. Omar Jameison* who worked on photos and files for the layout, *Bro. Paul Morris*, our photographer who took most of the submitted photos and *Bro. Christopher Rose* who worked “miracles” in designing our cover. Everyone did an

excellent job in making him / herself available to work with me. We had a great team.

For me, it was a pleasure to work on this project because I got the opportunity to know more of the Parkway family. It makes a difference to me to know “the face behind the name”... One of the purposes of creating a photo directory was to reach out to members; I hope we accomplished that goal. In today's society, we barely see our neighbor much less even know their name, but sad to say many of us smile with someone every Sunday, and it's the same, we don't even know their name. During the past year, Parkway had members coming and going quickly, this photo directory can be a great asset for outreach and evangelism, and other ministries.

A Church Directory is the #1 Communication Tool for Church Members; it's a resource that can assist us in building relationships and fellowship with each other. Church members want to connect names and faces quickly, and the most efficient, least embarrassing way of doing that is to reach for the pictorial directory.

I read online “**Nothing draws your congregation together like a photo directory.**” I hope you will use it for the growth of our family here at Parkway Baptist Church. God Bless you all!

Monique Finlay

A HOMEGOING SERVICE FOR THE LATE REV. AZARIAH MCKENZIE



A very moving Thanksgiving Service for the life of the late Rev. Azariah McKenzie took place on Saturday, April 16, 2007 at the Boulevard Baptist Church, Kingston, Jamaica. Among those attending the service were several ministers from various denominations and community leaders, both locally and internationally. Glowing tributes came from the Baptist World Alliance, The Jamaica Baptist Union, The Baptist Missionary and many others.

The Rev. Arthur Edgar, a schoolmate, gave the Remembrance, and Rev Burchell Taylor, President of the CBF, brought the message.

The Rev. Neville Callam, soon to become the Executive Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance has said it well in his church bulletin, “On Saturday, 28th April, the Jamaica Baptist Union lost perhaps the greatest minister to have served within its leadership - Azariah McKenzie.”

We thank God for the confident hope that we have that “to be absent in body is to be at home with the Lord.”

Rev. S. H. Vernon