



CBACC Newsletter

Brethren Assemblies' News from around the Caribbean and sometimes beyond

Special Mission Goals

- To facilitate spiritual and numerical growth among Brethren.
- To enable workers from across the region to seek the Lord together.
- To strengthen networking and fellowship.
- To raise awareness of the spiritual challenges of current trends and cultural developments.
- To assist in the coordination of disaster response activities.
- To encourage younger workers.

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Barbados Inaugural Sisters' Retreat

The United Gospel Halls Sisters' committee hosted its first ever **Ladies Retreat** at Sunbay Hotel, Barbados on April 27, 2019 under the theme "**Women with a Purpose...Uncovering your beauty in Christ**". This retreat was birthed to fill the need for women in our churches to get to know each other better. It was a beautiful day as forty-eight women, ages twenty-one to over eighty convened to hear from God's word.

The morning session under the sub-theme **The Beauty of Worship** was ably led by Sister **Diane Medford** and set the tone for the day as we worshipped in song. This was followed by the first message. Guest speaker, **Mrs. Alison Branch** was dynamic as she identified Character, Conviction and Courage as hallmarks of women with a purpose. Using Matthew 21: 17-22, she urged "in our quest for beauty in Christ we must uncover and remove those things which do not please God." Afterwards, Sister **Sherry Millar** led the group in some team building exercises under sub-theme, "**Building/Blending/ Bridging with a Purpose**".

The post lunch sessions "**The Innovative Woman**" and "**Bonding Beautiful Bodies**" were interactive and ladies were

involved in creating beautiful items out of given materials. Creativity was beyond expectations as the fascinators, bags and hats modeled were proof of innate talent in our ladies. A few ladies enjoyed pedicures and manicures as well as received blood pressure and blood sugar tests.

The final session of the evening was delivered by the second Guest speaker, **Mrs. Ruth Hinds** and she quickly identified and defined the words beauty and purpose as her key words. She highlighted that beauty comes from within the spirit of God in us. Using Galatians 5: 16-26 (the fruit of the spirit) she advised that there were things to put away and things to put on when we want to display the beauty of Christ. She stated that we need to spend time with God to truly uncover our beauty in Him.

Following are some of the comments from our ladies about the inaugural event. "It was a wonderful experience", "It was worth more than the money", "I have begun to examine myself as to what I need to put off and put on" "Speakers were dynamic they gelled well" and "We have to make this an annual event and invite our Caribbean sisters."

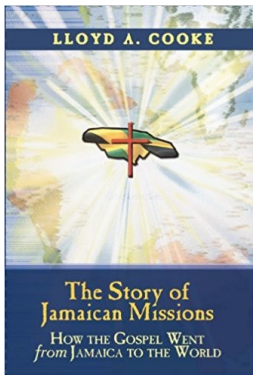
Submitted by Marielon Gamble





Our missionaries need your financial support as well as your prayer support. Make a monetary pledge today to support a missionary near you.

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Who is this missionary?

- Who is a full time worker among the Brethren in St. Lucia?
- Who worships at the Gospel Hall in Ciceron?
- Who works on the Cruise ships as they dock in St. Lucia?
- Who shares Bibles and literature with the crew on the various Cruise ships?
- Give up? **The answer is . . .**

John Honore: jnhonore@hotmail.com
He would value your financial support.

Coming from . . . Jamaica

Thirty-one (31) sisters from six assemblies in the western region of Jamaica gathered for their second Sisters' Retreat held on Friday and Saturday, June 7 & 8, 2019; under the theme **"Be Bold in Christ"**. The retreat was held at the **Western Bible Camp** site located in the cool, community of Southfield in the parish of St. Elizabeth. This parish is also known as the "Bread Basket" of Jamaica. A compact itinerary saw presenters, sharing on various characteristics of the topic. Presentations were led by President, **Patricia Thompson** who shared on **"A Call to Boldness"** while other sisters spoke on: "Hindrances to Boldness", "Cultivating a Healthy

Lifestyle - Stepping out in Boldness" and "Boldness ...A Biblical Perspective". Along with the presentations, the weekend activities included celebration of a sister's 61st birthday, Power Walk, Sunrise Worship, discussion and a recommitment by the sisters. Also to note was the mixed age groups represented: from teenage, early and late twenties, thirties, forties, fifties to early sixties. At the end of retreat each sister left with a gift bag compliments of the Sisters' Ministry. Overall it was a very enriching retreat and the wide consensus was to make this an annual event To God be the Glory.

Submitted by Patricia Thompson



Barbados: Arts and Craft Camp



The **ARTS AND CRAFT CAMP** was convened during the period April 8th to 12th, 2019 at the **Dayrells Road Gospel Hall**, Christ Church, Barbados. The camp was entitled, **“DISCOVERING THE TREASURES WITHIN; IMPACTING THE WORLD AROUND”** and catered to children between ages 5 and 13 years.

Its objectives were:

- To provide a wholesome environment for children who are currently on holiday.
- To facilitate positive interaction among youth.
- To provide an informal way of interacting with the students while inculcating moral values.
- To provide exposure to Bible characters whose lives have the power to impact the lives of our children.
- To expose pupils to memorization of God's word.

The camp was geared for twenty-five students only but by the final day we had accommodated 48 students from age 3 years to 13 years.

The students participated in various aspects of art and craft including pencil drawing and

colouring, tie dye, craft stick work. They had a session of aerobics, interactive session on Fire Safety and Conflict Resolution. Each morning commenced with choruses and a Bible session focusing on Biblical characters who left indelible marks for us to follow. Those used were Joseph, Josiah, Esther, David and Hannah. The focused areas for each character was then tied into the need for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We need your prayer support as we continue to pray for these children, and as we continue to minister to them through our Wednesday evening Bible Club and upcoming Vacation Bible School. Pray also for workers to help as we are currently utilizing workers some of whom are over seventy-five years of age. Workers included Bros. **Leslie Gamble**, **‘Clevie’ Harrison** and **David Grant**, Sisters **Cheryl Haynes**, **Beverley Evelyn**, **Cynthia Haynes**, **‘Pattie’ Harrison**, **Leith Mayers** and **Marielon Gamble**. Resource persons were invited in to assist in specialty areas.

We now look forward to:

VBS July 8th to 13th, 2019

Submitted by Marielon Gamble

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**Gary N Joanne
Akehurst II**

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run with
over 7,200 Bible
teaching
recordings from 900
speakers.

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Women's Christian Association: New Jersey

GOING FORWARD

New Jersey has it's share of problems. Therefore we will continue to share the gospel, engage folk one and one, and be a blessing as the Lord open doors and grant us opportunities.

Reaching children through the **Dial -A-Story** Program. This program has been going on since July of 2001 and the Lord be praise for each child or family who listens to the stories. My heart is always filled with joy as I record them and hear the phone ringing. Please pray with me that many will be changed by these stories. The stories cover, many areas in our lives, society, the Bible and the world. We deal with death, lying, gangs, family troubles, loneliness, bullying, holidays, Jesus' death, salvation and much ,much more. You can catch the stories daily by dialing 1-609-871-3448.

Reaching children and youth, is a serious undertaking. They are so vulnerable yet easy to reach. They need love, encouragement, and reassurance. A happy child or youth, is lovely to see but we have to help bring this about with the love and concern of the Lord. Remember when they came to Jesus, the disciples told them to go away, but Jesus with love said to bring them to Him so He could bless them. I have been reaching out to children for over fifty years, with Youth For Christ, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Scripture Union, Summer VBS, Church Sunday Schools, and now **Dial -A- Story** and writing **Story Books** for them. I once read a tract which stated, "Catch them when they are young, and we won't have to send someone to rescue them later!". May our Lord give us a kinder heart to be a Rescuer instead of a Destroyer and to help make their lives more joyful and happy. Jesus is the Answer to this quest for a better life; a life with real meaning and purpose. Amen!

Men in Jail: Thanks be to God for the prayers being made, the letters and booklets sent to help these men grow in their spiritual life. Pray for Mark, whose mom has a brain

tumor, and his sister with breast cancer. His recent letter says "Thanks for your prayers, and encouragement -I am trying to find a church so I can continue to stay strong in the Lord. Pray for all the men (and women) who are incarcerated and for their families who dealing with the pain of these situations. Most of all pray that they find the Lord and get help to be productive when they get out of jails or prisons. THANKS for praying.

The ladies **Monthly Prayer Breakfast** is going full steam and what a blessing it is when women meet to pray and share and NOT hide behind a false mask. Amen!

On the first Saturday of every month you can join us or pray for us. (9:30 to 11:00 a.m.)

Thanks for your spirit of love, grace, prayer and gifts to the work here in New Jersey.



Carmen Anderson-Harris.

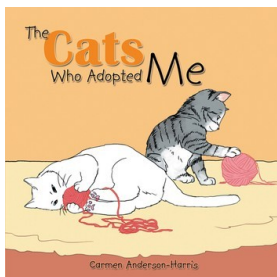
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[Click here for pictures of our Ladies Fellowship 25th Anniversary on YouTube](#)

GIVE PRAISE: August 10th, 2019, I will celebrate fifty-five wonderful years serving the Lord, my King. What a journey! He continues to teach, guide, and love me and I thank Him. Thank you too for standing in the gap with me all these years. You are much appreciated! **Proverbs 11:25**

Submitted by Carmen Anderson Harris

“The Caribbean Brethren Assemblies Conference Continuation Committee (CBACC) was established at the end of the conference held in St. Kitts from July 13th to 17th, 2014”



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Christian Brethren Women of St Kitts

The ladies of the Brethren Assemblies across the Caribbean have been busy. In St Kitts, on May 29, 2019, the Brethren Women's Group held its second bi-monthly Rally, at Elim Chapel in Cayon. It was a night of worship, praise and thanksgiving, as the women from the various assemblies across the island came together to encourage and comfort each other even as we see the day approaching. The theme for the Rally was "Rapture of the Church and Return of our LORD and King, Jesus Christ."

Renditions in the form of testimonies, poetry, songs and psalms recitals ensured that all groups had the opportunity to share and cheer the heart of all in attendance.

The praise and prayers continued on Saturday June 8, 2019 at Bethany Gospel Hall. The women met for prayer from 7:30 am through 12:30 pm,



Sister Caesar- Prayer & Fasting Retreat

followed by a nourishing breakfast. A brief word of exhortation by Sister Caesar challenged the women in attendance to emulate Deborah, Abigail and Esther in their daily lives in order to bring about change in their homes and communities. Beauty, intelligence, courage, patience, bravery, humility, leadership, wisdom, kindness and discernment were some of the characteristics evident in the lives of these three women. Prayers on various community needs were offered up as well as supplications for healing, travelling mercies and the salvation of unsaved relatives and friends. We take this opportunity to thank Bethany Gospel Hall for hosting the prayer retreat. We are also grateful for having sister Caesar, a wonderful example of a soldier who continues to minister to the saints.

It is said that there is no retirement in the Lord's army and Sister Caesar clearly demonstrates that. I am sure if she finds a Barak, she would gladly accompany him to the battle!

Congratulations are due to the saints at Bethany Gospel Hall. This month, they celebrate 72 years of gospel witness and ministry in that area of the vineyard. To God be the glory!



Women at bi-monthly Rally at Elim Chapel

Prayer Items:

- SKN Brethren Annual Women's Retreat in September 2019
- Caribbean Heads of Government.
- Migrants from Venezuela
- Full time workers across the Caribbean.

Submitted by Avenelle Warde

Bible Camps throughout the Region



St. Vincent 2019:

- **Adult Camp:** June 7th - 10th
- **Junior Camp:** July 15th - 20th
- **Senior Camp:** July 29th - August 3rd

St. Kitts Camp 2019:
 July 20th - 27th

Grenada Camp 2019:
 August 9 - 13th



Tobago 2019:

- **Junior Camp:** July 14th - 20th
- **Senior Camp:** July 21st - 27th



Trinidad 2019:

- **Junior Camp:** July 28th - August 2nd
- **Senior Camp:** August 4th - 9th
- **Singles Camp:** November 1st - 3rd

Christian Brethren Women of Grenada

The 6th Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast was convened on Saturday 25th May, 2019, hosted by the **Calivigny Gospel Hall**. The Breakfast, which is an Annual Event held on the last Saturday of May, is sponsored by the Women of the Gospel Hall Assemblies of Grenada, who prepare the Breakfast and all logistics for the event. This year's event, was convened under the Theme, "**Let Go and Let God**", with the supporting scripture verse from Philippians 4: 6. With 150 women in attendance, the Breakfast was ably



chaired by **Sis. Caron Neptune** (Calivigny); with Inspirational Message from Sis. Molly Gilbert (Perdmontemps); Opening Prayer - Sis. Venita Bubb (Crochu); Special Solo - Sis. Shatonya Noel (Calivigny); Testimonies - Sis. Matilda George (La Digue); Sis. Veronica Charles (Vendome Pentecostal); Sis. Cicely

Gabriel/Sis. Simone Gabriel (Perdmontemps); Sis. Marcelle Mitchell of the Host Assembly (Calivigny), gave the vote of thanks and closed in prayer. It was a lovely time of prayer, praise and worship by women from all walks of life. The sisters of the Calivigny Gospel Hall are grateful to all for their kind and prayerful support. We thank the Lord for His blessings and trust that those in attendance were truly blessed. The 7th Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast will be convened, Lord willing, on **Saturday 30th May, 2020**, hosted by the Crochu Gospel Hall. [Click Here](#) for the Programme; [Click Here](#) for the Theme song; Praise and Worship and Background Songs. Please see Photos on the photo strip located on the Home Page.

<https://www.calivignygospelhallgrenada.com/womens-fellowship/>

Submitted by Ruth E Rouse



Brethren Camping Facility in Tobago

(... "for great is our God above all gods" -2 Chron. 2:5)

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Special Feature on Alzheimer's Disease

Dementia is a syndrome, not a disease.

Dementia is an umbrella term that **Alzheimer's** disease can fall under.

Here are 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's

1. Subtle short-term memory changes

Trouble with memory can be an early symptom of dementia. An older person may be able to remember events that took place years ago but not what they had for breakfast.

2. Difficulty finding the right words

A person with dementia may have difficulty explaining something or finding the right words to express themselves.

3. Changes in mood

If you have dementia, it isn't always easy to recognize this in yourself, but you may notice this change in someone else.

4. Apathy

A person with symptoms could lose interest in hobbies or activities. They may not want to go out anymore or do anything fun.

5. Difficulty completing normal tasks

A subtle shift in the ability to complete normal tasks may indicate that someone has early dementia. This usually starts with difficulty doing more complex tasks like balancing a checkbook or playing games.

6. Confusion

Someone in the early stages of dementia may often become confused. When memory, lapses, confusion may arise as they can no longer remember faces, find the right words, or interact with people normally.

7. Difficulty following storylines

Just as finding and using the right words becomes difficult, people with dementia sometimes forget the meanings of words they hear or struggle to follow along with conversations or TV programs.

8. A failing sense of direction

This can mean not recognizing once-familiar landmarks and forgetting regularly used directions.

9. Being repetitive

Repetition is common in dementia because of memory loss. They also may repeat the same questions in a conversation after they've been answered.

10. Struggling to adapt to change

For someone in the early stages of dementia, the experience can cause fear. Suddenly, they can't remember people they know or follow what others are saying. Because of this, they might crave routine and be afraid to try new experiences.

Is someone you love showing symptoms?



You shall be my witnesses

24th-28th June 2019 Hotel Selene, Pomezia, Rome.

**We trust you enjoy the Conference
 tremendously**

The International Brethren Conference on Mission (IBCM) brings together every four years national leaders and others who work within the Brethren movement across the world. The aims are biblical reflection, mutual encouragement and insight, fellowship, strategic thinking, and, we pray, renewed guidance from the Lord.

The Caribbean Brethren Assemblies Conference Committee (CBACC) headed by **Dr. Hadyn Marshall** of St Vincent was born out of the need to unite brethren in the Caribbean and to prepare for future Brethren conferences. This Newsletter is the committee's way of linking Brethren in the Caribbean and beyond.

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