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Summer Pleasures

By Joanna Fuchs

Sunshine beaming golden heat
For lots of fun outdoors;
Vacations, for a sweet retreat
To mountains, plains and shores.

Kids in constant summer motion,
Free from teacher's rule,
Head to toe in suntan lotion,
At the beach or pool.

Inflatable rafts on which to float,
Camping and fishing gear,
Rowing or sailing or waterski boat,
Tell us summer's here.

Things we can't do the rest of the year
Are summer's special treasures;
Oh summer, summer, linger long,
And give us all your pleasures!

For youths, summer is the time of year most look forward to. As Joanna Fuchs aptly suggests that summer brings freedom “from teacher’s rule” and we’re able to do “things we can’t do the rest of the year”.

Just over a year ago, we gathered in The Bahamas in the hundreds to “Stomp pun de enemy”. It is the hope of the Youth Department that you are *still stomping!!!*



Camps and retreats, youth rallies and concerts have marked the summer period for many of youths in our territories this year. The summertime activities got on the way with a Caribbean Heritage Festival in Miami, Florida to which our President, Rev. Minnis and Youth Ambassador Kenya Ferguson were in attendance. In Jamaica youths between the ages of

9 and 21 were away from home for a week as they attended the Jamaica Baptist Union Camps. There were others in the Tucks and Caicos Islands “reaping the harvest” and “enlarging the kingdom” and far east in Trinidad youths were “showing off the new me”.

Even more, there were others who heard the spirit and jetted off to Hawai'i for



the 20th Baptist World Alliance Congress. (Visit bwanet.org for a detailed report and view photos)

The summer months for the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Youth Department has been active and we thank God for the opportunity to fellowship and grow spiritual.

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.



Bible Quote

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)

Jesus a Fi Wi Hope

One sure thing that hundreds of Jamaican Baptist Youth look forward to each year is the annual summer camps! There is no doubt, Summer camps rock! This year is no different and definitely no disappointment!



With only a short period of Monday to Saturday (just under a week) to stuff the camp experience into, the camps have had to be tailored to fit just right for everyone. So, for four

weeks of this summer, the JBU's camp site, named Nutshell (a hideaway in the lush green hills along the Island's north coast with a view of the ocean) buzzed with activity and the excitement of

youth from all across the island.

First came the junior campers (ages 9 - 12 yrs), then the intermediates came in two separate weeks, the 13 & 14 year olds grouped together, then the 15 and 16 year olds; then, finally, the

youth campers (ages 17 -20) rolled in to round off the summer camps programme. The overarching focus for all the camps was communicated in the theme "Jesus a Fi Wi

Hope", an inspiring out-take from the Youth Department's current theme, "Christ's Hope: Hear it; Be it; Share it!"

What can we tell you? How much could we really share of the great experiences had at camps, in this very short article? Maybe we could tell about the revealing bible studies, the down-to-earth rap sessions, the absolutely exciting trips to the beach, the energy-packed, high-tension competitive sports days.....whew! It's a lot just to write it all! And that STILL doesn't fully cover it!

More than three hundred young people had opportunity in a variety of ways over this past summer to meet with God; to commit their lives to Him for the first time; or to

re-commit their lives. Each camper was given the chance to lift up the name of Jesus and declare that He is their Hope!

Most of us who have had the privilege of attending a camp such as these still have the friends and friendships that we made there. We still enjoy the rich memories of the short eternity that camp was, and many of us have met God in life-changing ways at camps and have continued to walk with Him.

And we expect no less once we recognize "Jesus a Fi Wi Hope"

~Lance Fisher
Northern Director

Heritage Festival in Miami Gardens, Florida

The first annual Heritage Festival celebrated on June 05, 2010 by Parkway Baptist Church in Miami Gardens, Florida might not be complete without the high energy, foot-stomping, gospel explosion of the Rev. Clinton Minnis and team members of the Caribbean Baptist Youth Organization home-based in the Bahamas. Bedecked in their national colors, it was obvious that our Bahamian fellow believers were exuberant in their desire to let the world know of their excitement and commitment to follow Christ, and their joy in

bringing good news through music and song. We were especially blessed with original songs performed by the group 'EBONY'.

The evening was capped by a prayerful performance by the group, followed by an altar call by Parkway Baptist Church pastor the Rev. Donald Lawrence. On Sunday evening, Rev. Minnis, in his exhortation, highlighted six characteristics which define our role as God's

ambassadors:

1. We are on assignment when we surrender our lives to Jesus Christ



2. We must be careful about what controls/ motivates us

3. We must have a new philosophy

4. We are being called to the ministry of reconciliation

5. We must make an appeal

6. God has allowed us to partner with Him

It was a weekend of pure and unbridled praise as team members continued their expressions of worship during the ensuing Sunday morning and Sunday evening worship services. Their invitation to the congregation to share in this joy led to an experience of renewal for all and a new commitment to draw closer to God.

Reaping the Harvest: Enlarging the Kingdom

The 48th Annual General Conference of the TCI Baptist Union was held at the Salem Baptist Church, Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands from July 7 – 11, 2010 under the theme, "Reaping the Harvest: Enlarging the Kingdom". The Theme Scripture chosen was taken from Mt 9:35 – 38 & Luke 10:1 – 3 and the theme song was "My House Is Full". This year the Conference included workshops that ran concurrently for workers in the Men's Department, the Women's Department, the Children's Ministry and the

Youth Department. Additional time was set aside for workshops for the Deaconate. The workshops focused on Effective Leadership Skills and Fresh Ideas for the relevant Ministries.

This year's featured Speaker was Rev. Everton Jackson of the Jamaica Baptist Union and Executive Secretary/Treasurer for the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship who ministered Wednesday, July 7, 2010 – Friday, July 2010 nightly. On the Opening Night, he spoke from the Book of II Kings 20: 1 -13. He reminded the

Conference that the Gospel message is not territorial or provincial but universal and the kingdom of darkness stands in sharp contrast and continues to try to undermine the Kingdom of God, which is an unstoppable Kingdom. The Closing Service was held on Sunday morning and the Speaker for this Service was the incoming President, Rev. Pedro Williams who charged the Conference from Mt 28:16 – 20 to answer the urgent call to evangelize the world reminding us that God has called us and that we are

the people and he gives the program (to go and preach and teach and instruct), His power (the authority) and His presence (which is evidenced by the Holy Spirit who will lead and guide us).

Other highlights of the Closing Service included the commissioning of the flag of the TCI Baptist Union by Rev. Samuel Williams, Executive Secretary and was

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Showing off the New Me!!!

The Bon Air Full Gospel Baptist Church in Trinidad hosted its first ever youth month and youth rally.

The theme chosen for our youth month was "Showing off the New Me" which was taken from Ephesians 4: 17-32 which talks about the new man in Christ. However we will be using a scripture that better highlights the theme, taken from Phillipians 1:20 which states "I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death." We also had a theme song entitle, "Living for Jesus".

Different speakers shared on "Showing off the New Me". Our main guest speaker, Mr.

Frank Porter shared on the topic. His message was very dynamic as he explained that "to show off the new man, we must first look at the old man". He also said, "Showing off the new me begins with repentance". Such a powerful message and the youths would agree. We also decided to use titled workshops that most

would relate too and benefit from. Some of the workshops were entitled, "The salvation experience", "Sex and relationships", "The importance of prayer and fasting" just to name a few.

We climaxed our youth month with a youth rally on the last Sunday in the month.

Although a lot of the invited churches did not show up, we still had a wonderful time praising God with who came. Our senior pastor, Rev. Ansleem Warrick delivered the sermon entitled, "Close encounters". He explained that no matter what you did in your past, no

matter your circumstances, you can still have a closer walk with God and still come to Him for forgiveness and be

cleansed and made whole again to start a new life. After the sermon, we had a "Praise and worship" session with praise teams from Point Fortin and Princes Town and our special guest was local gospel artist Jadee.

Overall, the experience was a fulfilling one and I know that it will not be the last. We plan to make it an annual event and know that it will be better organized and planned the next time around. At the end of the day, I believe our goal was realized by the change in attitude and response to worship from the youths and I know that God has truly helped all of us to "Show off the New Me"!

~Jody Guerero
Eastern Director



impacted us while we attended the last CBF Youth festival, and those that we think the youths who didn't get to go

Flood FB

On August 1st, the online Facebook (FB) community of the Caribbean Baptist Youth Fellowship had the first ever "Flood FB". The idea was to have persons with Facebook accounts post a scripture which had some particular significance. If every member of the CBYF group did this we would have 355 scripture verses floating around in cyberspace, with several hundreds of persons reading even just a portion of God's word. The response to the initiative was quite good with one person commenting, "I love this. I think I'm gonna keep flooding FB even after today". Another individual, totally unaware of the activity, stated "I saw a lot of scriptures on FB". Here are some of the scriptures posted by our online friends:

Clessie-Ann Ellis The Lord is my light and salvation... whom shall I fear. Ps.27:1

Michelle Grant McFarlane Stones are heavy. Sand weighs a lot. But letting a foolish person make you angry is a heavier load than both of them. Proverbs 27:3. NIRV

Michelet Julien Whoever believe in him is not condemned, but whoever does not stands condemned already because he has not believe in the name of God's one and only Son. John 3:18

Albert Earl Ellis Jr. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 (King James Version)

Peter Panthier And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

Donna-Lee Townsend The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise. Prov 11:30

Stacey A Lalor-Knowles "... for who the SON sets free, is free indeed ..." ST. JOHN 8:36

Orane Shaw Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think

about these things. Philipians 4:8 (ESV)

Alison Foster I am under vows to you, O God; I will present my thank offerings to you. For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God and in the light of life. Psalm 56:12-13

Theresa Brown "For I now the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

If you missed out on this opportunity, there will be another on October 3, 2010 for you to get in on the action. This however does not mean that you cannot go ahead and post scriptures otherwise as you feel led.

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presented by Rev. Williams and the Vice President, Deacon Lewllyn Handfield.

The year's Conference ended with a Grand Concert featuring Bishop Washington Williams formerly of the Cooling Waters of the Bahamas. Popular locally recording artists, the Salem's Men's Brotherhood also ministered during this time.

*~Sharlene Cartwright Robinson
Northern Director*

CBF YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT 1—30
Mission Month (Jamaica)

OCT 3
Flood FB

CBF Executive Meeting (The Bahamas)

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- ◆ Atlantic Hurricane Season
- ◆ The new academic year
- ◆ Countries affected by recent natural disasters

- ◆ Persons who recently committed their lives to Christ