

West End - the focus this weekend!

Special points of interest:

- Amity Lectureship - Dec 3
- Costume Party - Dec 16

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Next week's Preview:

- * Look who's coming home?
- * Costume Party unmask.
- * Amity Review
- * Death maybe the best next thing!

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This Saturday (Dec 3), it's expected that handcarts, bicycles, motor cars, buses and trucks will be heading to the annual Amity Lectureship in Sav-la-mar, Westmoreland.

The annual event is a landmark, on many year's calendar, as it provides a channel to foster spiritual growth & fellowship. We found time to catch up with Bro Richard Nepal (Amity) who advised "the planning is running smoothly and tonight should be the final planning session as we look at the Menu". When enquired what it will be like, & we were informed "Chicken of different style, possible Curry Goat, Fish & Pork".

But aside from the physical

food, the spiritual food to be served this weekend, is well set and the waiters are looking sharp.

The Theme this year is

"The joy of the Lord is your strength".

Waiters:

* Bro Robert Solomon –Mobay (Understanding the Joy of the Lord)

* Bro Richard Nepal -Amity (Accepting the boundaries of our Joy)

* Bro Robert Webster -Highgate (The Joy in an active prayer life; if it is the Lord's will)



All roads lead to Amity

* Bro Trevor Smith -St Andrew (Are you enduring or enjoying?)

With all the marinating done for this year's lectureship, there is nothing more we await, than to begin eating.

See you there, with your sword & spoon!

Busy sidewalks dressed in Holiday style - Angel Brown

It's that time of year again, when we see the extravagant decorations, people becoming concerned about family and for some, their pockets undergo a change. I've been hearing the corals playing on the air waves, which reminds me, Christmas is approaching. The church does not celebrate Christmas (a reli-

gious service commemorating the birth of Christ) as the Bible does not request this of us. But, upon every 1st Day of the week we remember his death (Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 11: 23-26). However, for some of us, the spirit that this festive season brings is welcomed, and the thought of showing gratitude to one

another, extending love by opening our homes with dinner to guest, and presenting tokens of appreciation to friends is done in this respect. As we get excited and begin to engage in first gear for the busy season; to run on our gift hunts, where is God in the picture?
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SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR: Gregory Hays (Morant Bay), who was recently in an accident

PUZZLE MANIA

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1. Superiority 2. Gospel 3. Christ 4. Moses
 5. Aaron 6. Law 7. Faith 8. Holy



Smooth seas do not make skilful sailors.



Voices from Overseas

A few of our friends in the brotherhood have gone overseas to further their studies. Feeding Ravens found time to catch up with some and enquired what's life like?

This week's Focus: Zelleen "Sherine" Michelin

Departing from my wonderful Island in 1996 it was a bitter sweet moment for me. I was excited and looking forward to

first one that I learn and up to this day remember was shared to me by Sis. Brown, "Mark 11:24" ("Therefore I say to you whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them"). Thirdly, Marcia who brought me to Christ, constantly tells me don't give up. My ultimate favorite come from no other than my second dad Bro Brown, who vigorously hugged and shocked my shoulder and say "Sherine, always stand firm on the word and never depart

My Changing World, Part 1 - Zelleen Michelin

face a new adventure, going to college. However I know I had to taste a dose of bitterness that life sometimes bring to you when you are making changes. My first dose was leaving my family and most of all my wonderful church family behind. Yes it was time for my wings to clip so I could fly and discover another part of life. I recall, like it was just yesterday, when I got the best farewell goodbye of my life which was filled with inspiration, encouragement, Godly wisdom and most of all spiritually love and kindness. My spiritual farewell party toke place on a Tuesday evening after

from it and I have confidence in you,. Always keep the faith." Wow at 19 those where some power full words and now 29 I still remember them. I toke all the prayers, songs, encouragement and flew across the ocean with it.

Yes, yes, yes, I have arrived in my new world, I am now on my own and ready to faced all the challenges and take what college life had to offer. Oh boy, it's a new world; different food, different people, I am just loving it.

bible class when my spiritual family, Jago, decided to tell me what's it like to be a young Christian on your own and away from home. I got all kind of advised and encouragement but some memorable ones embedded in my head. My most favorite was when the last song that was sang was a request from Sis. Mckoy dedicated to me. The title was "Take The Name of Jesus With You". Sis Mckoy said.. "Sherine, wherever you go and whatever you do, just remember that song, Jesus will always be there". I am not the kind to quote nor remember scripture by verse but my very

Here comes my roommate, Miss Aruba and Miss Party hopper. Say what!!! test within 3 weeks, are they kidding me I just got here. My first bill, (telephone bill) , BILL!!!! with a due date!!!! I wish I was ten again. Can Sherine handle a new life???

When I hear somebody sigh that Life is hard, I am always tempted to ask, Compared to what?



Our greatest battles are that with our own minds.

AN INVITATION TO DINNER - David A. Sargent, (Church of Christ at Creekwood)

A young boy named Johnny who lived on a farm was invited by his friend Tim to have dinner with their family who lived in the city nearby. When all was ready, everyone came to the dinner table, sat down together, and began to **"dig right in"** - everyone that is, except for Johnny. He quietly bowed his head and thanked God for all the many blessings he had received, for opportunities to help those who are less fortunate, for the hospitality of this good family and for the food they were about to share. He finished

by asking God's continued blessing upon their home and their lives.

Somewhat embarrassed and taken back by this, Tim's father asked, **"Boy, does everyone out on the farm PRAY before they eat food?"**

"No sir" Johnny replied...

"The HOGS don't!"

What about YOU and ME? Do we STOP and give thanks to the One who has made us and

given to us ALL things? "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17). Do we look UP and give thanks to the Father of lights?

Or, are WE no better than farm animals? Do we get so enthralled with the GIFT that we forget the GIVER? "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107:8).



"I praise God because he not only guides my directions but overrules my mistakes."

Let us **STOP** and give thanks to God for his innumerable blessings, especially for the spiritual blessings that come through His Son, JESUS. *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ"* (Ephesians 1:3).

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

Let's be MINDFUL of God our Creator and Redeemer, the TRUE source of life and blessing... And let us RESPOND to His kindness with thanksgiving and "thanks living," in faith and obedience to His divine will.

"Gratitude is born in hearts that take time to count up past mercies."

Road Structure signs?

Due to recent flood rains, the road conditions of Jamaica have worsened and we have to look out for the potholes more so now than before. As we make our spiritual journey are you noticing the road :
Is it Broad *Luke 13:24*?
Is it busy with traffic *Matt 7:13*?
Is it paved with Good Intentions *James 4:17*?
Maybe you need to stop and ask for the cross roads *Jer. 6:16*?

Western Evangelism

The Churches of Christ in some of the South Western Parishes of Jamaica (St Elizabeth, Manchester, Clarendon) has teamed up every Tuesday, and meet at various points within the region, to Evangelize. **"More hands means the ability to cover more grounds in a faster time and keep our presence alive. The effort has been rewarding and we look forward to its continued success"**, reported Bro Kerry Walcot. This sort of effort surely looks to keep the church bond in this region closely knitted and fashions the successful Evangelink program. We continue to pray for the church of Christ island-wide and anyone one who is able to assist on Tuesdays, may contact the Mandeville Church of Christ or Bull Savannah for further details.



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Feeding Ravens Newsletter is geared to encourage the spiritual mind to keep active and make the church in Jamaica aware of local events and activities across the island.

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Island's Member Focus



Diann Vanessa Lindo aka "Faith", is a member of the St Jago Church of Christ. She is an active member and her skills in drama are renown among the youths and aged of the congregation. Diann, currently works for Hi-Pro, in the Credit Department. She has been there three (3) years and finds the job "ok". She is currently furthering her ACCA levels. At home Diann loves flowers. You can always find that warm smile she possess, by gaining her attention with a flower; especially a rose. Other passions of her are swimming, where she once instructed at the Holy Childhood High School (past student), walking & watching TV (from music videos to comedies & horror flicks). Asked, Why does she have two N's in her name, she responded "Because I'm special and unique and different from the common Dians"

One of her favorite song is "Let the Beauty of Jesus be seen in you". She cherishes the words of the song "Because ,well, there was this one time I remember clearly. Myself and a friend, we were at UWI and we got fed up, and went by the chapel in night and lay on asphalt in the middle of road and the song came to mind, and we sung that song repeatedly and after a while it became fun as it relaxed us. And really, when you think of the song, everything what you should be, the Christ like life, which is demanded of us in every situation, is reflected in the words of the song which I like to be reminded of."

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We seek nice gifts for our friends and we invite family to our homes for dinner but what about God and his prized church? Does he not deserve a wonderful gift? Could we think of purchasing a clock, chair, air condition unit, you name it for his house of worship? Or open our homes for more bible studies, dinner to our brethren, who we should have special care for (Gal 6:10)?

Well, extending love should be all year round, and expressing appreciation the same. But, as this season brings a focus on this "Sharing of Love" theme, let us give God & his work a Bonus with our lives.

Camp Payment Plan

As we announced in last week's Newsletter, there is a camp payment plan, in which we can follow, that will allow us to save our camp fees in time for Youth Retreat 2006.

It's strongly encouraged that all interested campers begin saving and Remember, early deposits towards Full payment can be done.

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Troubles, like babies, grow larger by nursing.