



Meadowbrook Focus

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Our Mission



“As followers of Christ, the Meadowbrook United Church exists to glorify God and to live out God’s purpose for salvation by reflecting the unconditional love of God through dynamic Christian worship, mutual care & support, active community engagement and proactive servant leadership, working towards peace and harmony in community”.

Special Occasions



5-12 July 2014

Visit from Woods Presbyterian Church
Youth (Maryland, USA)

1 August 2014

Emancipation Day

6 August 2014

Independence Day

14 September 2014

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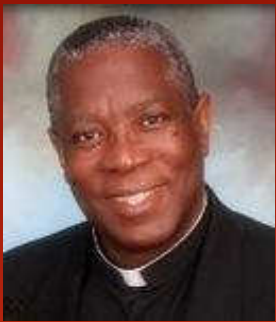
Family Supper @ 6pm

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What's Missing from the Church?

by Rev Norman O. Francis

It's now the Day of Pentecost. All the remaining disciples are gathered in the upper room. As they wait for the promised Holy Spirit, they're completely unsuspecting of the raw power that's about to be poured out upon them, which would give rise to the age of the Church.

Upon closer examination, we discover that it's indeed a strange group of men that Jesus had chosen to be his disciples: 4 of them are fishermen; 1 is a despised tax collector; another is a member of an extremist political group. Of 6 of them we know almost nothing. All of them are laymen. None of them has received any formal training in preaching, in leading a Bible study, in liturgics, in church finances, or in the psychology of counselling. Yet it was with these uneducated men that Jesus established his church!

These were the very men who, in the aftermath of the Crucifixion less than a month before, were hiding behind closed doors for fear of the Jews. Now transformed by the outpouring of the power of God's Spirit, these once-timid men were now speaking and acting with such boldness, which they, before now, had never experienced! Now they all realized that they had an important role to play in the life and growth of the church and that none of them could

afford to be left out! I think the following example illustrates this point very well:

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcxpt for onx of thx kxys. I havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd pxrfxctly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty-six kxys that function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our church is somxwhat likx my typxwritxr – not all thx kxys arx working propxrly. You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I'm only onx pxrson. I won't makx or brxak thx church." But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx, bxcausx if a church is to bx xffxctivx, it nxxds thx activx participation of vxvry pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I am nxxdxd vxry much."

Pentecost marks the beginning of a new spiritual movement in Christ. It's a movement in which Christians, through the flames and wind of the Spirit of God, are empowered to *be* more and to *do* more than we possibly could on our own. It's a movement in which, realizing our distinctive roles in the Body of Christ, we're challenged to jump in and make a difference. What's missing from the CH_CH? **U R!**

Pentecost: The Coming of the Holy Spirit & Peter's Message



Pentecost is often called “the birthday of the church”.

Acts 2:1-21 (GNT)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. ² Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

⁵ There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. ⁶ When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. ⁷ In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, “These people who are talking like this are Galileans! ⁸ How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? ⁹ We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!” ¹² Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, “What does this mean?”

¹³ But others made fun of the believers, saying, “These people are drunk!”

Peter's Message

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose; it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ Instead, this is what the prophet Joel spoke about:

- ¹⁷ 'This is what I will do in the last days, God says:
I will pour out my Spirit on everyone.
Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message;
your young men will see visions,
and your old men will have dreams.
- ¹⁸ Yes, even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will proclaim my message.
- ¹⁹ I will perform miracles in the sky above
and wonders on the earth below.
There will be blood, fire, and thick smoke;
- ²⁰ the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will turn red as blood,
before the great and glorious Day of the Lord comes.
- ²¹ And then, whoever calls out to the Lord for help will be saved.'



Image credit: <http://signoftherose.org/>

Meet Our Elders

Who is an elder?

An elder is a member of the church who is in good standing, and who also demonstrates the characteristics and ability to carry out the role of the office. Such a person is elected by members of the Congregation to assist the minister/pastor in helping the church achieve its full potential through its spiritual and administrative development.

The duties of an elder include:

- Working with the pastor in providing pastoral care and support including visiting members of the congregation.
- Helping members to discover and use their gifts within the community.
- Helping persons to commit to Christ and towards church membership.
- Preparing and serving elements at Communion.
- Assisting in ensuring the orderly administration of the worship life of the congregation.

Here are the 29 persons that currently serve as an elder of the Meadowbrook United Church.



District 1

Elder: Kerry-Ann Davis

Telephone: 368 0269

Area: Lawrence Avenue, Lucine Close, Blissett Avenue, Red Hills Terrace & its environs



District 2

Elder: Ethel Francis-James
Telephone: 584 8794

Area: Hillman Road, Oaklands, Dunrobin Court, Meade Close



District 3

Elder: Christopher Beecher
Telephone: 869 0706

Area: Arlene Gardens, Hughenden, Glendale, Pennant Drive, Lyndale



District 4

Elder: Sarah Palmer
Telephone: 927 5324

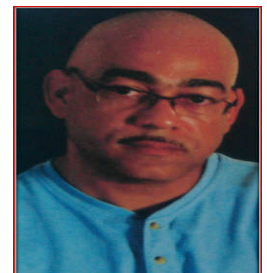
Area: Havendale Drive, Elphinstone, Park Avenue, Knightsdale, Lorna Avenue, Tunbridge



District 5

Elder: Elise Douet; **Telephone:** 929 0190
Elder: Shaun Battick; **Telephone:** 925 9625

Area: Vermont, Burbank, Kirk Avenue, Crane Avenue, Highland Drive



District 6

Elder: Edna McLean
Telephone: 941 0971

Area: Westmeade, City View, Smokey Vale, Ursa Major



District 7

Elder: Junie Crooks
Telephone: 942 2772

Area: Armour Heights, Oakridge, Orange View, Stony Hill, Temple Hall



District 8

Elder: Wander Rhodd
Telephone: 925 9611

Area: Randwick Drive, Aston Avenue, Meadowbrook Avenue



District 9

Elder: Carol Burgher
Telephone: 925 7571

Area: Roehampton, Addington, Blackwood Terrace, Donmair, Beverley Close



District 10

Elder: Marcia McKenzie
Telephone: 969 6158

Area: Woodley Drive, Meadowbrook Main, Sunnyfield Drive



District 11

Elder: Hyacinth Cox
Telephone: 969 7439

Area: Madison, Chevy Chase, Linstar Close, Mayfield, Morningside, Riverside



District 12

Elder: Judith Wilson
Telephone: 564 8480

Area: Portmore, Spanish Town



District 13

Elder: Carolyn Lake
Telephone: 925 4191

Area: Hathaway, Belgrade Mews, Highland Close, Oldgate Drive



District 14

Elder: Carmen Myrie
Telephone: 905 4412

Area: West & East Great House Circle, Highland Drive, Montcalm



District 15

Elder: Debbie Meeks
Telephone: 422 3894

Area: Hialeah Drive, Coolshade Drive, Springburn



District 16

Elder: Denise Prendergast
Telephone: 925 3612

Area: Manor Park, Grosvenor Terrace, Norbrook Heights, Portview



District 17

Elder: Nedeem Carney
Telephone: 925 5578

Area: Valentine Gardens, Merrick Highway



District 18

Elder: Davon Wilks
Telephone: 779 4579

Area: East & West Kirkland, Plantation Drive, Forest Hills



District 19

Elder: Joscelyn Jolly
Telephone: 944 2948

Area: Belvedere, Red Hills, Forest Hills



District 20

Elder: Gloria Nelson
Telephone: 970 1199

Area: Zaidie Gardens, Molynes Road, Gilmour Road, Washington Boulevard



District 21

Elder: Marlene Porter-Myrie
Telephone: 579 7652

Area: Liguanea, Hope Road, Barbican Road, Mona



District 22

Elder: Tanya Byndloss
Telephone: 894 7633

Area: Pembroke Hall, Duhaney Park, Meadowbrook Estate



District 23

Elder: Sadie Findlay
Telephone: 925 1406

Area: Trafalgar Park, Devon Square, Lady Musgrave Road



District 24

Elder: John Allen
Telephone: 886 6862

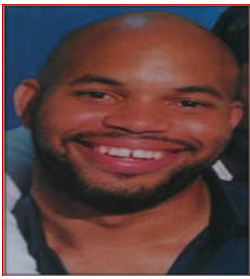
Area: Russell Heights, Graham Heights



District 25

Elder: Quince Francis

Area: Cherry Gardens, Allerdyce, Acadia, Aylsham



District 26

Elder: Lucien Reid
Telephone: 931 9293

Area: Flemington Drive, Upper Border Avenue



District 27

Elder: Audrey McIntosh
Telephone: 944 0004

Area: Chancery, Michigan Close, Queen Hill



District 29

Elder: Shauna-Kay Battick
Telephone: 925 9625

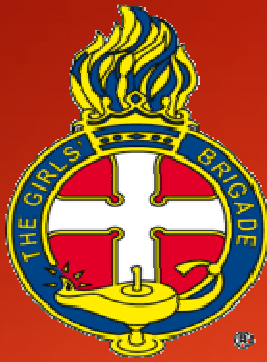
Area: Hurlingham Drive, Fairfax, Lower Border Avenue

Poem: When the Spirit Comes

Before the Spirit came, you were just words on a page,
Black on white and yellowed with age.
Simply a story of long ago,
Of a man who had so much love to show;
Who healed the sick and cured the lame;
Took our guilt and bore our shame.
It sounded so good, but it just couldn't last.
It was not for today but locked in the past.
Until the Spirit came.

Now the Spirit has come, you are here at my side,
Larger than life and ready to guide;
Making real to me all that you said,
And doing through me the things that I read.
I am the glove that your hand has filled;
I am the cup into which you have spilled
All the love and the power which you promised would come,
Right now in the present and for everyone.
Since the Spirit came.

Adapted from: www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk



Youth Update:

The Meadowbrook United Church Girls' Brigade

Motto: Seek, Serve and Follow Christ

The Girls' Brigade is an international, voluntary, uniformed, Christian, interdenominational organization which seeks to foster and develop high moral values in young girls. It caters to girls between the ages of 5 - 19 years.

The Meadowbrook United Church Girls' Brigade is the 10th St. Andrew Company. The current leaders are Tanya Byndloss and Petagaye Chambers.



Tanya Byndloss



Petagaye Chambers

The Structure

The company is divided into four age groups:

- i) Explorers: ages 5 – 7 years;
- ii) Juniors: ages 8 – 10 years;
- iii) Seniors: ages 11 – 13 years;
- iv) Brigaders: ages 14 – 19 years.

Meeting Times

The group meets every Saturday from 2 – 4 pm in the church hall.

Activities

The group is nurtured under the Women's Fellowship. The activities are derived from 4 areas which are:

1. Education (learning new and insightful things, e.g. research, art & craft, baking, cooking, needle work);
2. Service (building one's self through community work);
3. Spiritual (Bible studies); and
4. Physical (drills, games, hikes & sporting activities).

How can one join?

That's simple: come out to the meetings on a Saturday for 4 consecutive weeks and then you'll be added to the register.

We need volunteers, mentors, sponsors in order to make a real impact on our young ladies.



Fundraising event during Girls' Brigade month (March 2014)

FLAMES OF FIRE

ACTS 2 – PETER AT PENTECOST

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection and ten days after his ascension, the disciples were together in a house in Jerusalem. Suddenly they heard a sound like a great wind, and they saw what appeared to be tongues of fire.

In the picture of the disciples below, find the hidden tongues of fire. Color the flames, and then finish coloring the picture. (You can read about this spectacular event in Acts 2:1-4.)

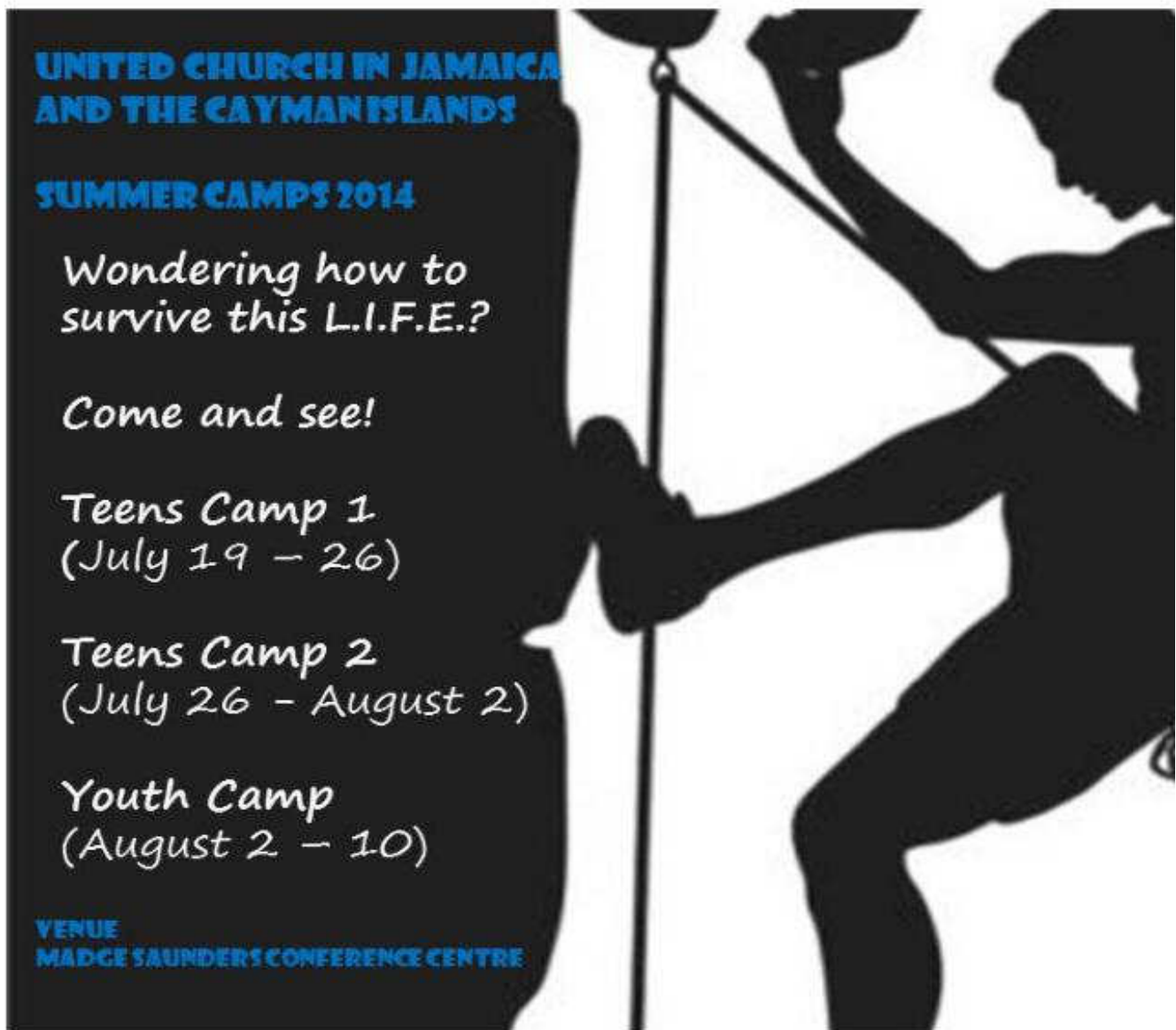


Did You Know?

That members are now able to tune in live to Sunday Services on their phones or other mobile devices using WiFi or data services through their provider?

All major platforms are now supported (Apple, Android & Blackberry). Simply visit our website at www.meadunited.org & click on the applicable "MUC Web Stream" link in the bottom left hand column.

Summer Camp 2014



**UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA
AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS**

SUMMER CAMPS 2014

*Wondering how to
survive this L.I.F.E.?*

Come and see!

*Teens Camp 1
(July 19 - 26)*

*Teens Camp 2
(July 26 - August 2)*

*Youth Camp
(August 2 - 10)*

**VENUE
MADGE SAUNDERS CONFERENCE CENTRE**