



Beaming the Light of God's Word to Caribbean People

News & Notes

The Caribbean Bible Lessons Newsletter for Sunday School Leaders

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From the Director's Desk

We have been telling you that a new Caribbean Bible Lessons curriculum has been pending. Thanks be to God, the first issue for Beginner, Younger Children and Older Children will be published in September 2011. This has been made possible because a group of women and men from several Caribbean Islands responded to an invitation to meet in residential workshops last July and August to write the lessons for September 2011 through August 2012.

Thanks be to God for the willingness, availability, commitment and sacrifice of writers and editors. Together they completed Year 1 lessons in the three-year cycle of the new Children's curriculum, starting Phase IV in the CCP curriculum development process. Heartfelt thanks also to the churches and conventions who made financial contributions toward the writer workshops, to others who made other kinds of contributions and to all who continue to intercede on behalf of the CCP ministry.



Participants in Older Children Workshop

Writers came from Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Vincent, The Bahamas, and Turks and Caicos Islands.

The CCP Children Editors are now preparing the draft lessons for review. They are excited about the new look and new layout and looking forward with great anticipation to how God will use these Bible studies in the life of those who will be using them. In fact, the writers, during their preparation of the drafts, testified of how God spoke to them through the lessons as they wrote.

New Curriculum in Use September 2011
PRAY FOR IT!
PLAN FOR IT!
PROMOTE IT!

Mention must be made of one of the writers from the Beginner writing team, the late Evene Bell of Bethel Baptist Church in Kingston, Jamaica. During the week of writing, Mrs Bell was experiencing ill health but she continued faithfully each day, and by the end of the workshop, despite her illness, she produced the draft lessons assigned to her. We thank God for her perseverance and commitment; and we can learn from her example. We pay tribute to Mrs Bell who passed on in November 2010. We wish for her husband, two sons and the Bethel Baptist church family God's sustaining peace.

Continue to support Caribbean Christian Publications by telling others about Caribbean Bible Lessons. Spread the word about this valuable resource for Sunday Schools in the Caribbean. Encourage your church to include CCP in your mission budget and to make even an annual contribution.

The CCP trustees and staff wish for all of you a truly blessed New Year.
—Gillian Francis

- New Features Include:**
- ◆ New Name
 - ◆ New Look
 - ◆ New Bible Stories
 - ◆ New Activities
 - ◆ New Design
 - ◆ New Writers

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The Christian Education Ministry Grand Anse Baptist, Grenada.



The Christian Education Ministry (CEM) of the Grand Anse Baptist Church, St. George's, Grenada has moved to higher grounds in 2010.

Effective 3rd January 2010, the church changed its Christian Education time from after Sunday morning service (11 a.m. to 12 p.m.) to 9 to 10 am (before service). This decision has been rewarding. The classes are growing in numbers and there has been noticeable spiritual growth since.

In keeping with the Church's vision, "Empowering and Equipping People For Purposeful Living", and with the aim of promoting literacy, the CEM embarked on a library project in June 2009. While this is currently a work in progress, a wide collection of books are available for all ages.

Christian Education month is observed annually in June. In 2010, the theme was "Rooted in God's Word, Walking in Faith". During the month, each Sunday School class was responsible for leading Sunday morning worship service and presenting a synopsis of a Sunday School lesson.

The Sunday School books (CCP guides) and the children's craft were on display during the month.

The month of October was observed nationally as "Child Month" and "Reading Month". As a means of recognizing and encouraging our children during the month, the students (Younger and Older Children classes) were given an opportunity to read the Scripture and



All the children had a time to choose books in the library

Members of the Children Department on a field trip.



present a summary of their Sunday School lesson during a service.

On June 10, 2010, the Children Department fellowshipped with inmates of the Dorothy Hopkins Centre for persons with disabilities as part of a field trip. On October 17, members of the Women Class fellowshipped with inmates of the Richmond Hill Home.

Our Christian Education teachers remain committed to their role and service to the church as a



Younger Children reading Scripture during the worship service.

whole.

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Participants in
Younger Children Workshop



Participants in Beginner Workshop

Spotlight on a Sunday School Worker

Allison Greene of Grand Anse Baptist Church, St George's, Grenada is our featured Sunday School worker.

For how long have you been involved in Sunday School ministry? How did you become involved?

I have been involved in Sunday School ministry for 20 years. I became involved after I became a Christian. Acts 1:8 clearly states that all Christians are to be Christ witnesses so I wanted to be part of telling the good news of Jesus Christ.

In which areas have you served over the years?

I served as a Younger Children, Youth and Women teacher, I also work in children's church ministry and I am the chairperson of the Christian Education department.

How do you prepare for teaching Sunday School?

I pray for the students and the lessons daily. I meet with the other teachers to plan and to evaluate. I gather the materials and resources needed and to give my class a meaningful learning experience.

What has been your experience working in Sunday school?

Serving in Sunday School has been a blessed and fruitful experience. It has helped me to have more meaningful Bible study and daily devotions. Over the years, it has taught me to give attention to the persons who need to be taught, to be reached and to be won.

How will you handle difficult situations that arise?

If I am faced with a difficult situation, I would first seek my Lord's counsel and then speak to the person involved about the situation. If the issue needs intervention or resources and, depending its extent, I would get the necessary help.

What motivates you to continue in Sunday School ministry?

People need the Lord and there are many unsaved persons but the labourers are few. This is a great burden on my heart, hence the reason for my continuous work in this ministry. As a leader, I am able to recruit workers and plan on-going outreach programmes to ensure that the good news is told.

Are the CCP guides helpful to you?

The guides are very helpful.



What, if anything, would you like to see changed or improved upon in Sunday School ministry?

I would love to see the Sunday School classes overflowing and for us to have more visitation.

Please share a word of encouragement with our readers.

The Sunday School ministry is an exciting one. The year has been one of great change at Grand Anse Baptist. There are many uncertainties which face believers and unbelievers alike, and these challenge Sunday School workers as never before, while presenting us with clear opportunities on which to focus. We cannot do what needs to be done within the limits of our human skills and ability. Jesus placed our current day in focus in Matthew 9:36-38, and it will be in His power to meet these challenges. Let's do it. Have a fruitful 2011.

From a User

"We really appreciate this material. There is nothing in the Caribbean like this. So your work is critical."

_Rev. N. Lewis, Trinidad

CBF—CCP Notes

CCP among Caribbean representatives at 20th BWA Congress



Gillian P. Francis, CCP Director, updated Caribbean delegates at the Baptist World Alliance Congress in Hawaii about CCP's activities. CBF officers seated left to right: Rev. Dr William Thompson—President, Celia McKoy—Recording Secretary and Rev. Everton Jackson—Executive Secretary—Treasurer

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- ♦ **St Thomas, US Virgin Islands:**
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- ♦ **Jamaica:**
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